## Simple Verb Tenses

- **Past** Form: past tense of the base form
- **Present** Form: base form/-s form
- **Future** Form: will + base form or is + (present participle)ing + infinitive

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| Simple Past Tense | It snowed yesterday.  
Amar watched TV last night.  
I walked to school yesterday.  
John lived in Paris for ten years.  
Carlos bought a new car three days ago.  
Rita stood in an alcove when it began to rain.  
When Mrs. Chu heard a strange noise, she got up to investigate.  
When Kasia dropped her cup, coffee spilled on her lap. | At one particular time in the past, this happened. It began and ended in the past. |
| Simple Present Tense | It snows in Alaska.  
The world is round.  
Water consists of hydrogen and oxygen.  
The average person breathes 21,600 times a day.  
Ivan watches TV every day.  
I study for two hours every night.  
I wake up at six every morning.  
Andre drives to work daily. | In general, the simple present tense expresses events or situations that exist always, usually, habitually; they have existed in the past, they exist now, and they probably will exist in the future. The simple present tense expresses general statements of fact and timeless truths. The simple present tense is also used to express habitual or everyday activities. |
| Simple Future Tense | It will snow tomorrow.  
It is going to snow tomorrow.  
Calvin will finish his work tomorrow.  
Calvin is going to finish his work tomorrow.  
We will study the Incas before we return next summer.  
Carlos is going to quit his job soon.  
Jose will arrive soon. | At one particular time in the future, this will happen. |