

Worksheet #1 on Chapter 4A: Verb Tenses

Directions: Underline the verbs in the following sentences and above each verb label the tense: present, present continuous, present perfect, present perfect continuous:

1. Sam has a new bicycle, which he has been wanting for a long time.
2. I usually buy milk by the gallon, but this month I am trying to lose weight, so I have bought only a quart of milk this time.
3. I am having a tough time with grammar, but I trust my professor knows what he is talking about.
4. Sara has been going with Tim ever since high school, but now she is thinking of dropping him for Claudio, who is a soccer player from Barcelona.

Underline and label these verbs past, past continuous, past perfect, or past perfect continuous:

5. Although I saw Rocky last night at the club, I had not seen him for several months before that.
6. I was looking for a wheelbarrow in the garage when I discovered an old photo album which I had not seen in years and which I thought I had completely lost.
7. Stephanie had been wanting to win the tennis match when she lost by two sets.
8. She set the last piece of furniture in place just as the first guests were starting to arrive.

Underline and label these verbs as future, future continuous, future perfect, or future perfect continuous:

9. If you will be arriving by midnight, I'll have the front door unlocked.
10. The marathon will begin at 3:00, and by 3:15 I will have run at least two miles.
11. We are going to open our new shop on Thursday if the utility company will have the electricity on.
12. Texas A&M will play Oklahoma in the Cotton Bowl, but in the meantime each team will be anticipating a major battle of strength and wits.