Structure Of Verb Tenses

Tense Label	Structure markers	Present Time	Past Time	Future Time	Use
Simple	Base verb	l call. He calls.	I called.	I will call.	State, habit, timelessness scheduled
Progressive/ continuous	Be+base+ing	I am calling. She is calling.	I was calling.	I will be calling.	Temporary, in progress, repetition, planned, emotional
Perfect	Have+base+ ed/en	I have called. He has called.	I had called.	I will have called.	Recently completed, past with current relevance, continues into the present, completed at moment of speaking.
Perfect Progressive	Have+be+ base+ing	I have been calling.	I had been calling.	I will have been calling.	Interrupted by another event, continues to a specific time, from past continues to present.
Auxiliary/ helping/ modals	Can, do, could, may, might, should, would + base	I can call.	I could call.	I will be able to call.	Probable, permissible, possible
Passive	Be+base+ed/en	I am called by my friend.	I was called by my friend.	I will be called by my friend.	Agent/object acts on actor/subject.

Other

Mood- indicative-I call. imperative-Call subjunctive- If I call, I may be able to...

Verbals- infinitives- to call, gerunds-calling, participles-called