



The Drinker's Guide to English Tenses

-  Single action / event
-  Continuous action / state

		Past	← ← ←	now	→ → →	Future
Present Simple	<u>I drink</u> every day - most people do.					
Present Continuous	<u>I'm drinking</u> now, as you can see.					
Simple past	<u>I went</u> for a drink yesterday lunchtime.					
Past Continuous	<u>I was drinking</u> when I saw you.					
Past Perfect	In fact <u>I had drunk</u> four bottles of Cisk before I saw you.					
Past Perfect Continuous	... because <u>I'd been drinking</u> for about an hour by then.					
Present Perfect	<u>I've been</u> to the pub six times this week since Monday.					
Present Perfect Continuous	<u>I've been drinking</u> since 1989!					
Present Continuous for Future	<u>I'm going</u> to the pub tomorrow.					
"Going to" Future	<u>I'm going to drink</u> wine this time, not beer!					
"Will" Future	Maybe <u>I'll get</u> very very drunk!					
Future Continuous	At this time tomorrow <u>I'll be drinking</u> , as usual.					
Future Perfect	By this time tomorrow <u>I'll have drunk</u> at least two more litres of beer.					
Future Perfect Continuous	By the year 2008, <u>I'll have been drinking</u> the juice of the grain and the grape for eleven years.					