

Rules for Creating English Verb Forms

Principal Parts of English Verbs

	Main Verb Base	Simple Past(-ed form)	Past Participle(-en form)
Regular	Believe	Believed	Believed
Irregular	Eat	Ate	Eaten
	Sit	Sat	Sat

Simple Tenses

Auxiliary + Main Verb Base (bare infinitive)

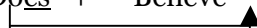
Does + Believe

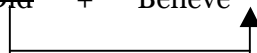
Did + Believe

Will + Believe

Exception: Simple present and simple past affirmative statements delete the auxiliary and attach the tense affix directly to the base

Auxiliary + Main Verb Base (bare infinitive)

~~Does~~ + Believe 

~~Did~~ + Believe 

Will + Believe

Progressive Tenses

BE in desired tense + -ing main verb

Am + Walking

Was + Walking

Will be + Walking

Perfect Tenses

HAVE in desired tense + -en main verb

Has + Eaten

Had + Eaten

Will have + Eaten

Perfect Progressive Tenses

HAVE in desired tense + BEEN + -ing main verb

Has + Been + Working

Had + Been + Working

Will have + Been + Working

Passive Voice

BE in desired tense and aspect + -en main verb

Am + Beaten

Was being + Beate