

Verb Tense Chart based on Azar

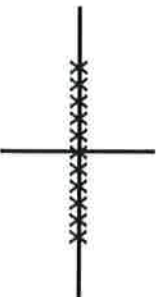
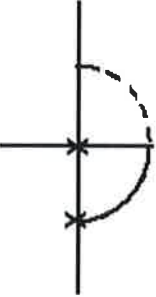

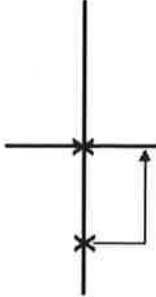
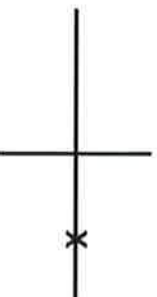
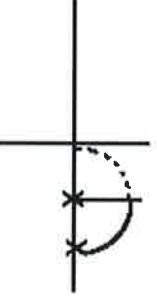
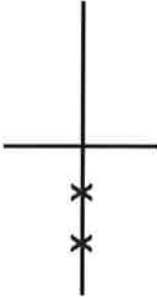
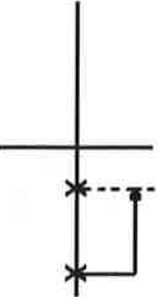
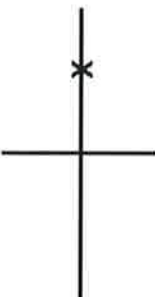
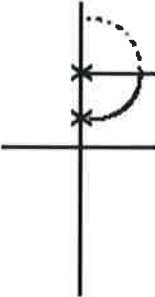
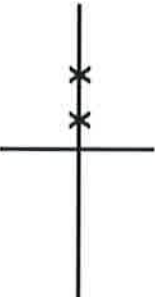

<p>simple present I study every day. (habitual action – past to present to future)</p> 	<p>present continuous I am studying right now. (action began in past, may continue into future)</p> 	<p>present perfect I have studied Chapter 1. (past action with indefinite time span)</p> 	<p>present perfect continuous I have been studying for two hours. (action began in past and continues until now)</p> 
<p>simple past I studied last night. (action completed in the past)</p> 	<p>past continuous I was studying when you called. (action begun in past, implies possible continuation after second past event)</p> 	<p>past perfect I had studied drawing before I began to study painting. (past action completed before second past action)</p> 	<p>past perfect continuous I had been studying for two hours when my friends came over. (past continuous action occurring when second past action occurred)</p> 
<p>simple future I will study tomorrow. (action will occur in the future)</p> 	<p>future continuous I will be studying when you arrive. (continuous future action will continue to happen when another future action occurs)</p> 	<p>future perfect He will have finished reading by the time you arrive. (future action will be completed by time another future action occurs)</p> 	<p>future perfect continuous I will have been studying for two hours by the time you arrive. (future continuous action will be happening when another future action occurs)</p> 

Chart adapted from Betty S. Azar, *Understanding & Using English Grammar*, Prentice-Hall, Inc.: Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1981, pages 74-77.