

## VERBS

Verbs are words which show action. Since time is an important factor in a subject's actions, writers often become concerned with the verb's tense.

To deal with the notion of time, Verbs have many different tenses, which show the time of the verb's action.

The Common Tenses include:

The Present Tense  
The Past Tense  
The Future Tense

Some Common Tenses need to include other verbs to help them (usually forms of the words, Have and Had, which we call helping verbs).

These tenses, which we ironically call Perfect (although they seem less than perfect) include:

The Present Perfect  
The Past Perfect  
The Future Perfect

And, a progressive form (which is found throughout each of the tenses above).

Verbs are also concerned with Voice (either an Active or Passive Voice).