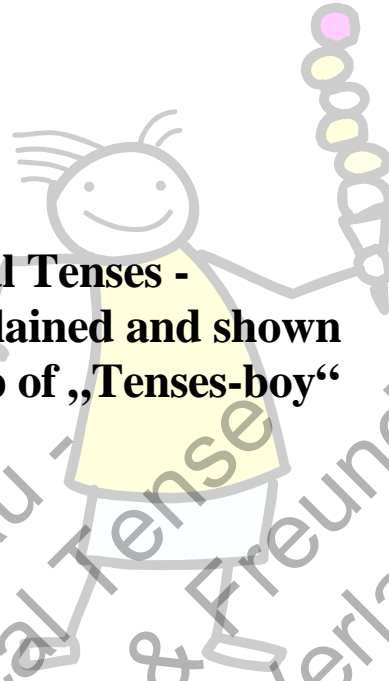


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**Grammatical Tenses -
Usefully explained and shown
with the help of „Tenses-boy“**



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Preface

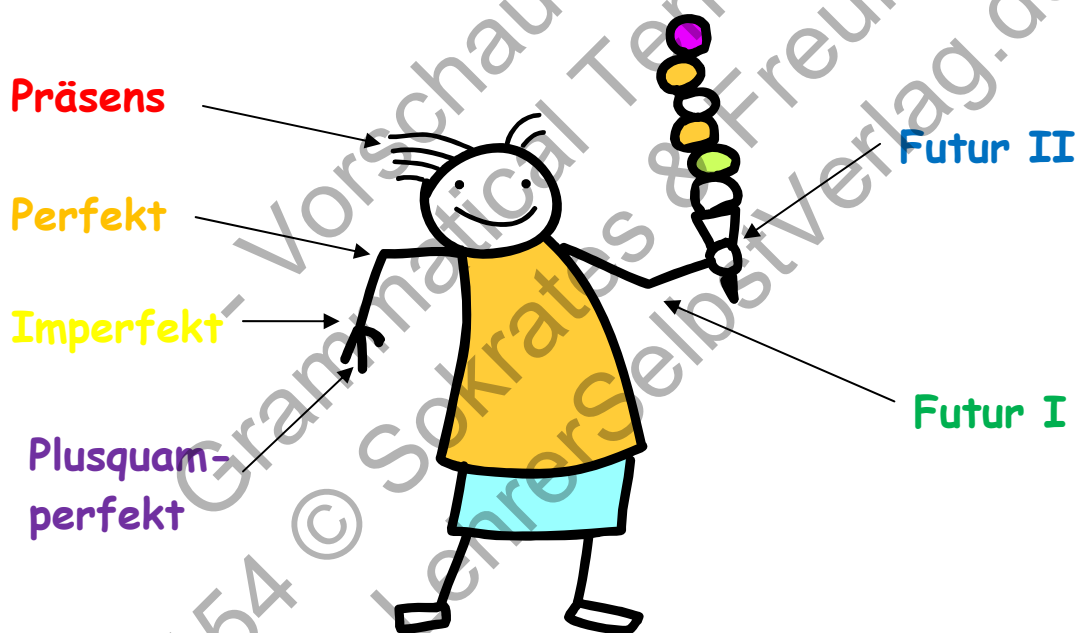
The figure of the ”Tenses-boy“ revealed as a useful device for teaching grammatical tenses, especially to children in 4th grade elementary school, but also for more advanced students.

The student can also regard him as a didactical help.

Head and body as the middle of the “Tenses-boy“ always refer to the Present Tense, the left arm points to the Past Tense and the right arm points to the Future Tense. The bent-joints show the sequence of tenses.

Good progress was made especially when the students were taught privately by a tutor.

This booklet and the “Tenses-boy“ are a short help to teach tenses. Rare specialties concerning grammar cannot be found here.



The Present Tense = Das Präsens

This tense covers almost the whole range of tenses, at least in spoken language. You can express:

- ✓ what is happening in this moment: *Ich lese ein Buch.*
- ✓ something that has begun in the past and lasts still: *Seit vier Jahren arbeite ich hier.*
- ✓ a general truth: *Die Erde dreht sich um die Sonne.*
- ✓ what takes place in the future: *Ab morgen fahre ich mit dem Rad zur Arbeit.*

Präsens



Form of the Present Tense

It is formed by adding the personal endings to the stem of the verb.



Watch out for regular and irregular verbs!

Example here: lesen = to read

Positive	Negative	Question	Negative Question
ich lese	ich lese nicht	lese ich?	lese ich nicht?
du liest	du liest nicht	liest du?	liest du nicht?
er/sie /es liest	er/sie/es liest nicht	liest er/sie/es?	liest er/sie/es nicht?
wir lesen	wir lesen nicht	lesen wir?	lesen wir nicht?
ihr lest	ihr lest nicht	lest ihr?	lest ihr nicht?
sie lesen	sie lesen nicht	lesen sie?	lesen sie nicht?