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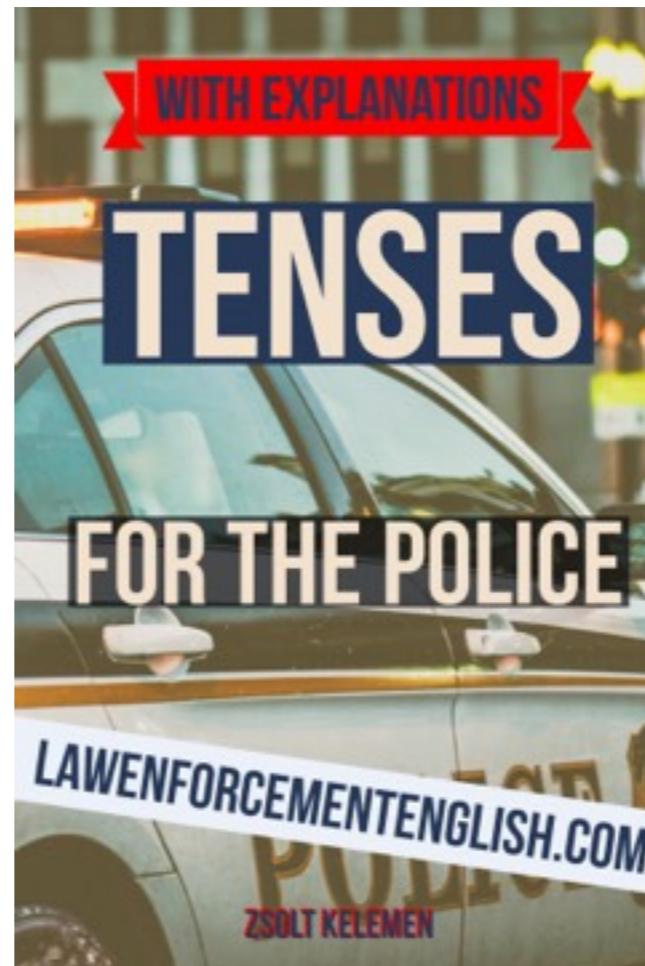
**S** - subject

**Ving** - GERUND, -ing form of the verb (e.g. *shooting, going*)

**V1** - dictionary form of the verb (e.g. *go, shoot, escape*)

**V2** - past simple form of the verb (e.g. *went, fired, killed*)

**V3** - past participle form of the verb / third form of the verb (e.g. *been, gone, terrorized*)



Check out “**Tenses for the Police**” for more:

explanations and example sentences. This book provides explanations concerning tenses used in English with example sentences and information on usage that are relevant to anyone working in the field of law enforcement. Including:

- Present, Past and Future tenses
- Reported Speech
- Passive
- Conditionals

and other grammar points tailored to your law enforcement needs!

Tense	How?	When?	Examples
Present Simple	S + V1	Talking about our job Describing suspects	She <b>works</b> as an investigator. <b>Does</b> he <b>have</b> black hair?
Present Continuous	S + am / is / are + Ving	Surveillance Highway patrolling	The target <b>is entering</b> the area.
Present Perfect	S + have / has + V3	Traffic Accidents Crimes that have just happened What criminals / crime organizations have done	An accident <b>has happened!</b> Come quick! This gang <b>has attacked</b> many citizens.
Present Perfect Continuous	S + have / has + been + Ving	How long you have been working, or working on a case	Peter and I <b>have been working</b> on organized crimes since 2005.
Past Simple	S + V2	Reconstructing a case	The burglar <b>broke</b> in the apartment and <b>took</b> my laptop.
Past Continuous	S + was / were + Ving	Interrogation / Questioning	What <b>were you doing</b> at 2 AM?
Past Perfect	S + had + V3	Reconstructing a case, emphasis on an earlier action	The burglars <b>had</b> already <b>left</b> when we arrived.
Past Perfect Continuous	S + had + been + Ving	Reconstructing a case, emphasis on an earlier progress	The kidnappers <b>had been holding</b> him as a hostage for 3 days when the police raid the house.
Future Simple	S + will + V1 S + be + going to + V1	General future, or planning	The fight against crime <b>will improve</b> in the future. The terrorists <b>are going to attack</b> on the 3rd of February.
Future Continuous	S + will + be + Ving	an action will be in progress in the future with great certainty	The cargo <b>will be heading</b> to Turkey this time tomorrow
Future Perfect	S + will + have + been + V3	an action will be finished in the future	The cargo <b>will have arrived</b> by then
Future Perfect Continuous	S + will + have + been + Ving	a future event will take place for some time	The city coast guards <b>will have been taking</b> care of the beaches for 10 years.