

Language Awareness for Key Stage 3

11: Tense and Aspect

Activity 1:

In groups, take some time to think of any other languages that you might know. How many tenses do these languages have? You can include simple tenses and those formed with an auxiliary. Which languages have the most tenses? Which languages have the fewest?

Language	Tenses

Activity 2:

Consider these two sentences:

- I'm going to Paris
- I'm going to go to Paris

Take some time to see if you can see any difference between the two *goings*. How would you describe the difference?

Notes

Activity 3:

In English, the progressive present tends to be used more often than the simple present. Try to find examples of ways that you might use the simple present. Can you think what these examples have in common?

Example
