

ACADEMIC VERB TENSE REFERENCE

Quick-guide for research papers, thesis writing, and formal reports.

Tense	Academic Usage	Example Expression
Present Simple	Stating facts, general truths, and discussing current theories or extant literature.	"The data suggests a correlation between variables X and Y."
Past Simple	Describing completed actions in the past, specifically methodology and results.	"The participants completed the survey over a four-week period."
Present Perfect	Connecting past research to the present or describing non-specific recent trends.	"Previous studies have demonstrated the complexity of this urban issue."
Future Simple	Proposing further research, limitations, or expected outcomes in a proposal.	"Future iterations will incorporate a larger sample size for accuracy."
Conditional	Hypothesizing outcomes or discussing theoretical implications.	"This approach would potentially reduce energy consumption significantly."

COMMON IRREGULAR VERBS IN RESEARCH

Base Form	Past Simple	Past Participle
Analyze	Analyzed	Analyzed
Find	Found	Found
Give	Gave	Given
Show	Showed	Shown
Write	Wrote	Written