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CHAPTER 1
INTRODUCTION TO TENSES

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1.1. INTRODUCTION

Linguistics is the scientific study of language. In order to understand what language is, a number of topics are examined, including: The sound system of language (phonetics and phonology) The structure of words and sentences (morphology and syntax). In constructing language/sentence we use traditional grammar also Syntactic grammar. Learning tenses is one of the most essential skills for learners of foreign language. English learners as English as second language require courses and educational environment to train and practice their English competences. The process of training and practicing need kinds of resources as supporting tools to grant the language achievement capability. Then as foreign learners, they also should understand that covering the difficulties of mastering speaking, listening writing and reading also as priority aspects in foreign language.

Studying English language is a formal process of how foreign learners doing their learning and practicing the language. This process normally consists of external and internal academic methods and standard. It is important while communicating both verbally and in written form because it helps us clearly indicate the time at which something has happened. According to Cowan, 2008 the tense in verbs expresses time and it is referenced to the moment of speaking. A tense is a form of the verb that allows you to express time. The tense of the verb tells us when

tenses and their various types and forms. We will learn more about each of these tenses in the following chapters.

Learn the rules for changing tenses between Active Voice and Passive Voice.

Solved Example for You

Q. She _____ food when the guests arrived yesterday.

a.) preparing b.) was preparing

c.) is preparing d.) has been preparing

Sol. (b) was preparing. The sentence is in past tense which is indicated by the word 'yesterday'. It is also indicated in the sentence that it is in past continuous tense due to the words 'when the guests arrived'. So, the option which is indicative of past continuous tense is option b) was preparing. The completed sentence is: She was *preparing* food when the guests arrived yesterday.

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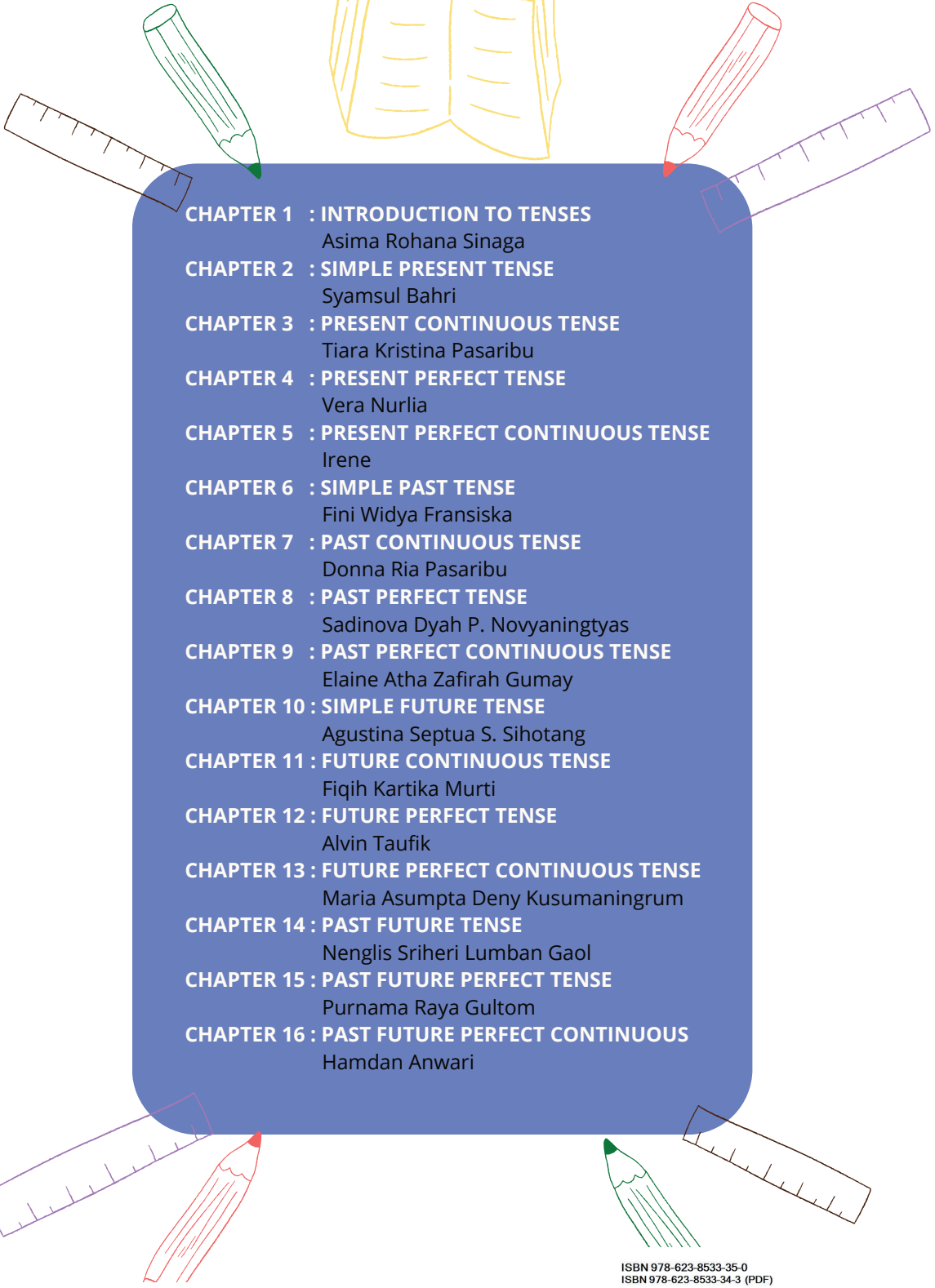
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