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Present and Past Tenses Summary Sheet

Tense	Active	Passive	Timeline
Simple Present	A: He washes the car. N: He doesn't wash the car. Q: Does he wash the car?	A: It's washed. N: It's not washed. Q: Is it washed?	
Present Continuous (Progressive)	A: He's washing it. N: He isn't washing it. Q: Is he washing it?	A: It's being washed. N: It's not being washed. Q: Is it being washed?	
Simple Past	A: He washed it. N: He didn't wash it. Q: Did he wash it?	A: It was washed. N: It wasn't washed. Q: Was it washed?	
Past Continuous (Progressive)	A: He was washing the car. N: He wasn't washing the car. Q: Was he washing the car?	A: It was being washed. N: It wasn't being washed. Q: Was it being washed?	
Present Perfect Simple	A: He's washed it. N: He hasn't washed it. Q: Has he washed it?	A: It's been washed. N: It hasn't been washed. Q: Has it been washed?	
Present Perfect Continuous (Progressive)	A: He's been washing the car. N: He's not been washing the car. Q: Has he been washing the car?	Not common in English	
Past Perfect Simple	A: He'd washed it. N: He hadn't washed it. Q: Had he washed it? <i>(Normally part of a bigger sentence)</i>	A: It'd been washed. N: It hadn't been washed. Q: Had it been washed?	
Past Perfect Continuous (Progressive)	A: It'd been raining. N: It hadn't been raining. Q: Had it been raining? <i>(Normally part of a bigger sentence)</i>	Not common in English	

A – Affirmative

N – Negative

Q – Question