






YORUBA TENSES

*6 tenses and their
negations*



past tense

Subject + Verb + Object

(Negation) subject + o + verb + object

mo jẹ̀ ìrẹ̀sì (I ate rice)

mi o jẹ̀ ìrẹ̀sì (I did not eat rice)

Ó jẹ̀ ìrẹ̀sì (He/she/it ate rice)

Kò jẹ̀ ìrẹ̀sì (He/she/it did not eat rice)



Present Continuous

Subject + n + Verb + Object

subject + o + verb + Object (negation)

Mo n jẹ ìrẹ̀sì (I am eating rice)

Mi ò jẹ ìrẹ̀sì (I am not eating rice)

Ó jẹ ìrẹ̀sì (He/she/it is not eating rice)

Kò jẹ ìrẹ̀sì (He/she/it is not eating rice)

● *past participle*

Subject + ti + Verb + Object
subject + o tîi + object (negation)

Mo ti jẹ ìrẹ̀sì (I have eaten rice)
Mi ò tîi jẹ ìrẹ̀sì (I have not eaten rice)

Ó jẹ ìrẹ̀sì (He/she/it ate rice)
Kò jẹ ìrẹ̀sì (He/she/it did not eat rice)

future tense

Subject + *máa* + Verb + Object

subject + *ò ní* + verb + Object (negation)

Mo *máa* *jẹ* *ìrẹ̀sì* (I will eat rice)

Mi *ò ní* *jẹ* *ìrẹ̀sì* (I will not eat rice)

Ó *máa* *jẹ* *ìrẹ̀sì* (He/she/it will eat rice)

Kò *ní* *jẹ* *ìrẹ̀sì* (He/she/it will not eat rice)

Habitual tense

Subject + *máa n* + Verb + Object

subject + *ò ní* + verb + Object (negation)

Mo *màa n* *jẹ̀ ìrẹ̀sì* (I (usually) eat rice)

Mi *ò kín jẹ̀ ìrẹ̀sì* (I don't (usually) eat rice)

Ó *máa n jẹ̀ ìrẹ̀sì* (He/she/it (usually) eats rice)

Kò *kín jẹ̀ ìrẹ̀sì* (He/she/it doesn't (usually) eat rice)