



VERB CONJUGATION

CONJUGATION OF A VERB

to earn

PRINCIPAL PARTS: earn, earned, earned

SINGULAR

PLURAL

PRESENT

(action occurring at the present moment)

I earn
you earn
he, she, it earns

we earn
you earn
they earn

Example: He now *earns* a good salary.

PAST

(action occurring at a definite time before the present moment)

I earned
you earned
he, she, it earned

we earned
you earned
they earned

Example: Last year or yesterday he *earned* a good salary.

FUTURE

(action occurring at some time beyond the present moment--in the future)

I shall earn
you will earn
he, she, it will earn

we shall earn
you will earn
they will earn

Example: Next year he *will earn* a good salary.

PRESENT PERFECT

(action occurring in the past and continuing to occur in the present)

I have earned
you have earned
he, she, it has earned

we have earned
you have earned
they have earned

Example: He *has* always *earned* a good salary. (He did and still is.)

PAST PERFECT

(action occurring in the past and continuing to occur up to a certain fixed time)

I had earned
you had earned
he, she, it had earned

we had earned
you had earned
they had earned

Example: Before he left for college, he *had earned* ten thousand dollars.
(Leaving for college is the fixed time when the earning ended.)

FUTURE PERFECT

(action continuing up to a certain point in the future)

I shall have earned
you will have earned
he, she, it will have earned

we shall have earned
you will have earned
they will have earned

Example: By next Christmas he *will have earned* ten thousand dollars.
(Christmas is the fixed point in the future when the earning will stop.)

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