

## Verbs : Verb Tense Review

*Discuss the differences and similarities in meaning among the following sentences.*

1. ***Kevin played guitar for fourteen years.***  
Kevin has played guitar for fourteen years  
Kevin plays guitar.
2. ***Tina tried to meet Ricky Martin.***  
Tina has been trying to meet Ricky Martin for two days.
3. ***The dancer practised his part for days.***  
The dancer has practised that part before.
4. ***The robbers had left before the police arrived.***  
The robbers left before the police arrived.  
The robbers had left when the police arrived.  
The robbers left when the police arrived.  
The robbers were leaving when the police arrived.
5. ***She will dance when you come.***  
She is going to dance when you come.  
She will be dancing when you come.  
She is going to be dancing when you come.  
She will have danced by the time you come.  
She will have been dancing for two hours by the time you come.
6. ***Jennifer has been doing a lot of work on that painting.***  
Jennifer has done a lot of work on that painting.
7. ***The government didn't change the law regarding rent control.***  
The government hasn't changed the rent control law yet.
8. ***Jill cooked a great dinner last night.***  
Jill has been cooking since she was ten.