

# English Tenses

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English has 16 verb tenses and aspect combinations:

**Tense:** It indicates time ( past, present)

**Aspect:** It indicates habit, repetition, duration, and completion within a specific time) ( has /have / -ing )

Present simple

Past perfect progressive

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Future simple

subjunctive

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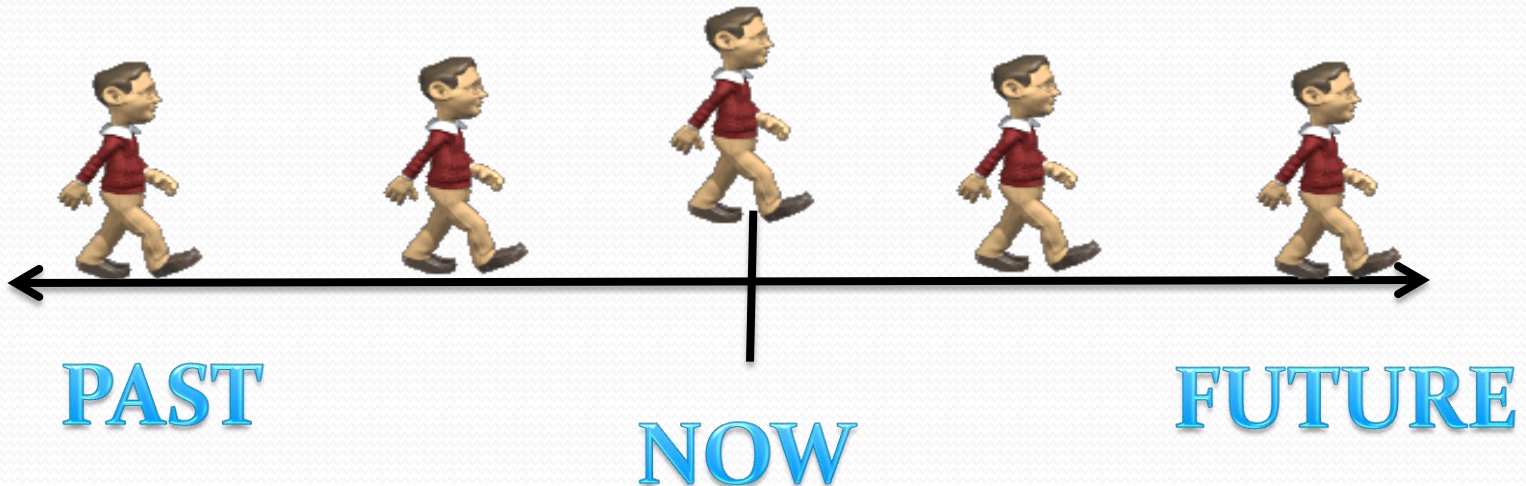
Mixed unreal (present – past)

Past perfect

# Present Simple


- Refers to actions that are generally true or habitual

He walks to work



# Present simple

- ❑ I **eat** an apple a day.
- ❑ The government **builds** new hospitals every 5 years.
- ❑ Water **consists** of hydrogen and oxygen.
- ❑ He **is** an engineer.
- ❑ I **study** for two hours every night.

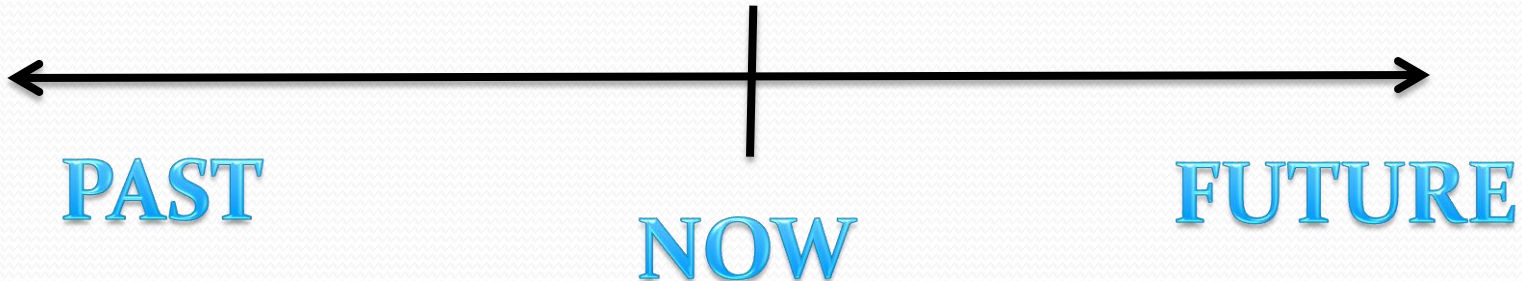
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- **Key time words:**
  - Always, often, usually, regularly, often, everyday, rarely, scarcely, (once, twice, three times a day, a week, a month, a year), daily, weekly, monthly, yearly.
  - General facts.

# Present Progressive

am/is/are + V-ing

Indicates an action that is taking place at the moment of speaking

**He** is walking



# Present progressive

- 1- Please don't make so much noise. I **am studying**.
- 2- They **are racing** right now.
- 3- He **is examining** the clues in the crime scene.
- 4- John **is sleeping** right now.
- 5- Let's go out now. It **isn't raining** anymore.
- 6- I **am going** shopping **next Thursday**.



# Present Progressive

- **Key words / phrases:**
- Now, right now, at the moment, (this week, month, semester, term, season, year), today, look, listen, be careful, be quiet, shhh,
- The context

# Task 1: Present Simple / continuous

1. Every Monday, Sally (drive) ----- her kids to football practice.

- **drives**

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2. Usually, I (work) ----- as a secretary at ABT, but this summer I (study) ----- French at a language school in Paris. That is why I am in Paris.

- **Work / am studying**

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3. Shhhhh! Be quiet! John (sleep) ----- .

- **is sleeping**

4. Don't forget to take your umbrella. It (rain) -----  
-----.

- **is raining**

5. I hate living in Seattle because it (rain, always) ----  
-----.

- **always rains**

- 6. I'm sorry I can't hear what you (say)-----  
because everybody (talk) ----- so loudly.

- **are saying / is talking.**

7. Justin (write, currently) -----a book about his adventures in Tibet. I hope he can find a good publisher when he is finished.

**is currently writing**

8. Jim: Do you want to come over for dinner tonight?

Denise: Oh, I'm sorry, I can't. I (go) ----- to a movie tonight with some friends.

- **am going**

9- Listen. Some people (shout) ----- at each other.

- **are shouting**

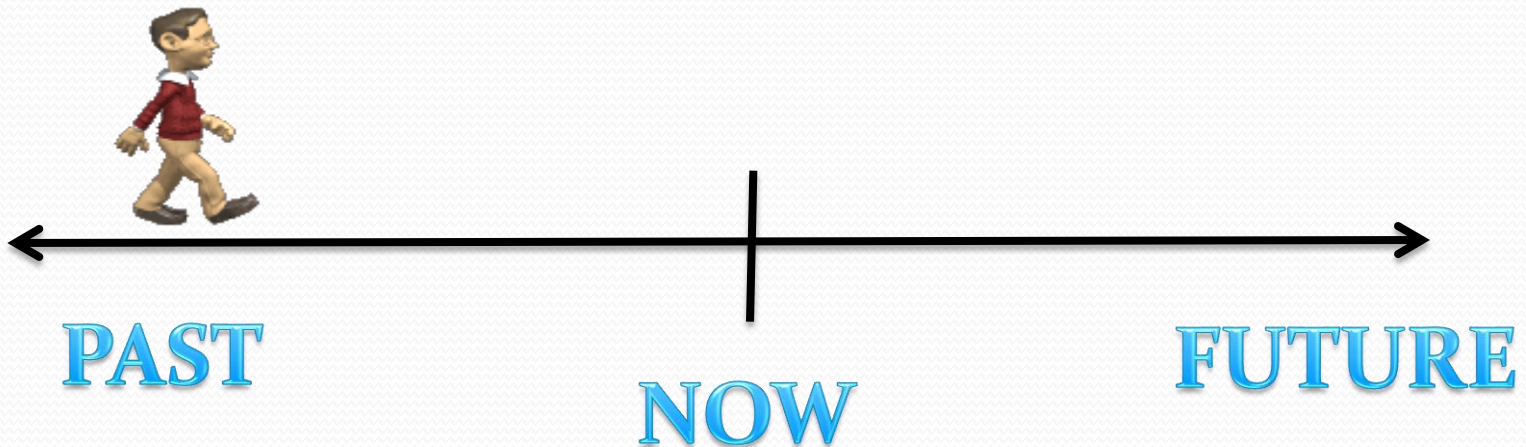
10- Mr. Brown (donate / usually) ----- a lot of money for charitable organization.

- **Usually donates**

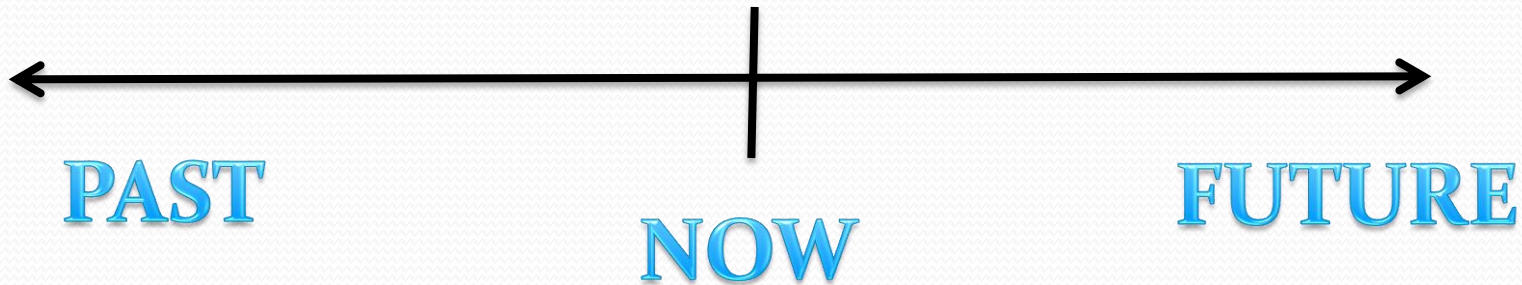
# Past Simple

- Indicates an action that took place before now, and has no real connection with the current time

He walked to school



The bird flew to Adam's house



# Past Simple

- Regular verbs:

- 1- The teacher **explained** the lesson yesterday.
- 2- We **invited** them to our party **three days ago**.
- 3- The police **stopped** me on my way **last night**.

- Irregular verbs:

- 1- We all **left** the party at 11:00.
- 3- This house **cost** \$75,000 in 1980.



## You will often find the past simple used with time expressions such as these:

1. Yesterday
2. three weeks ago
3. last year
4. in 2002
5. from March to June (past months)
6. for a long time
7. for 6 weeks
8. in the 1980s
9. in the last century
10. in the past

## Negative form:

1- They **travelled** abroad last week.

They **didn't travel** abroad last week.

2- They **taught** us some Spanish expressions.

They **didn't teach** us any Spanish expressions.

- Yes / no questions:
- **Did** you leave early last time?
- **Did** they finish their project in 2009?
- **Was** the food delicious?
- **Were** they sick last week?

## ▪ Wh questions:

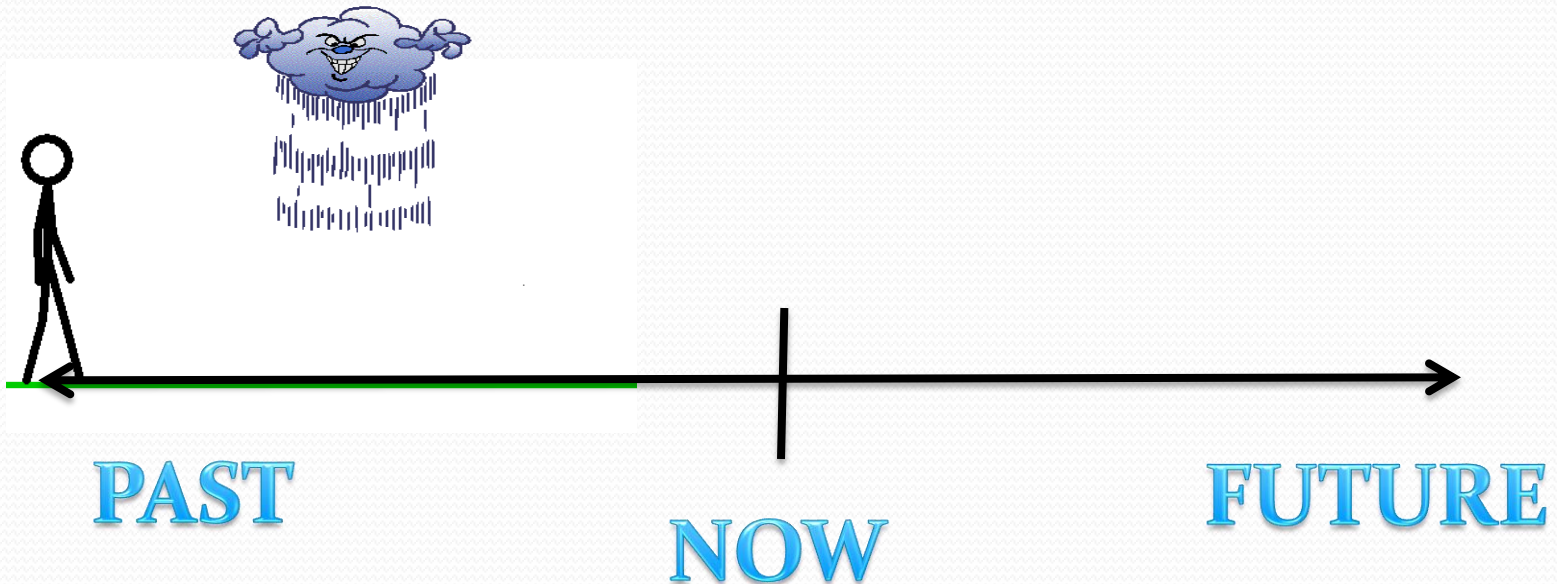
- When **did** you **leave** last week?
- What **did** they **buy** yesterday?
- How **did** you **travel** abroad?
- Why **was** Ahmed absent ?
- Where **were** they?

# Past Progressive

## Was/were + V-ing

- It indicates an action in the past that is longer in duration than another one in the past

He was walking when it started to rain



## Past continuous

1- They **were playing** tennis yesterday at 10.30.

2- a. Dan **was cooking** dinner.

b. Dan **cooked** dinner.

3- It **was raining** when I **got** up.

While I **was reading**, the electricity **went** off.

4- a. When Helen **arrived**, we **were having** dinner.

b. When Helen **arrived**, we **had** dinner.

## Task 2: Past simple or past continuous

1. Marvin (come) -----home, (switch) -----  
on the computer and (check) -----his  
emails.
  - **came / switched / checked**
2. The thief (sneak) into the house, (steal) the  
jewels and (leave) without a trace.
  - **sneaked / stole / left**
3. While we (do) a sight-seeing tour, our friends  
(sleep) on the beach.
  - **were doing / slept**
4. He (wake) up and (look) at his watch.
  - **woke / looked**

5. The President (**give**) his speech when the news of attack (**come**)

- **was giving / came**

6. When the protesters (**arrive**), the police (**attack**) them.

- **arrived / attacked**

7. Israeli warplanes (**fly**) over Gaza City around 10am yesterday.

- **were flying**

8. People (**protest**) in the streets when soldiers (**fire**) at them.

- **were protesting / fired**

## Task 3: edit the following sentences for verb tenses:

1. My favorite place are my living room in my house because it was a place with a lot of activity. It has a typical living room with a TV, couch, chair, coffee table, and bookshelf, but the people inside are make it special. My daughter, husband, and I are spend a lot of time there. It is the place where I is spend my weekends talking with my family, watching movies, getting the latest news, and reading. This place is make me feel warm, cozy, and relaxed, and that is why it be my favorite place to be in the whole world.

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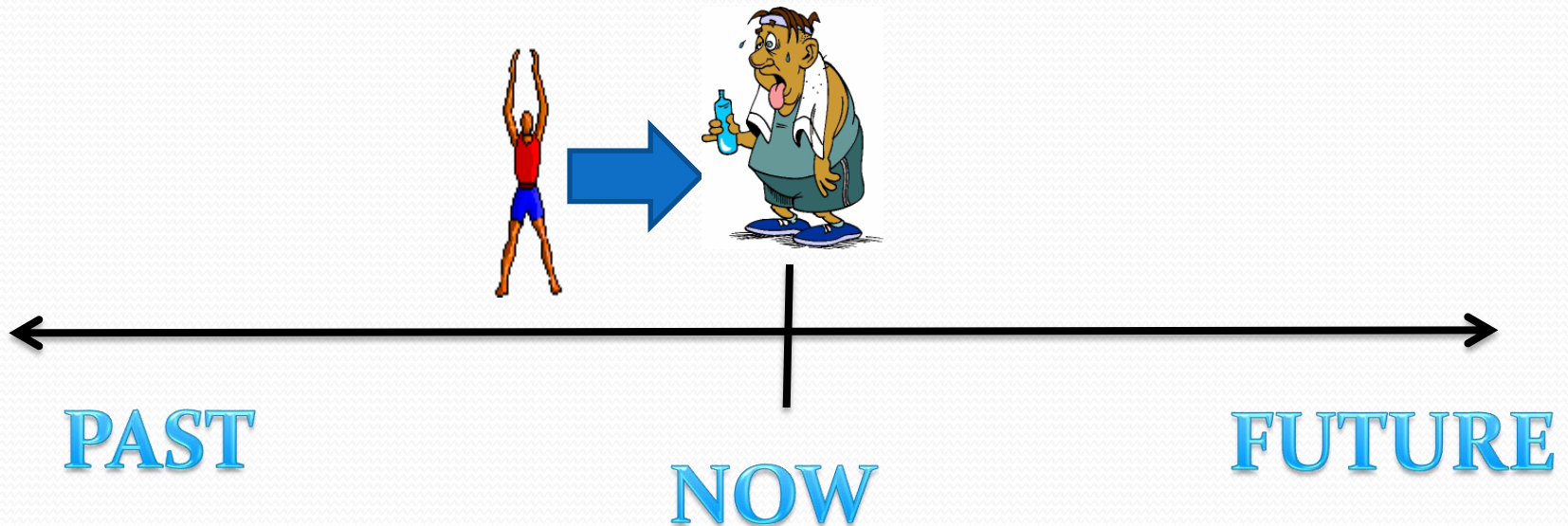
2. Complaining about faulty goods or bad service are never easy.
3. Yesterday while they are fighting the enemy, three men died in the battle. One of their friends was trying to save them when he was receiving three deadly shots. He wasn't knowing that the soldiers were behind the near wall.
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# Present Perfect

## Have/has +pp

- Indicates an action that has been completed sometime before now, with a result that affects the current situation

He has exercised



# Present Perfect Tense

- We **have just finished** our activity.
- They **have already discussed** the test.
- We **haven't finished** our class **yet**.
- **Have** you **ever been** to France?
- No. I **have never been** to France.
- I **have met** many people **since** I worked here.
- We **haven't talked** to each other **since** January.

## Task 4: correct the verbs in brackets in the following sentences:

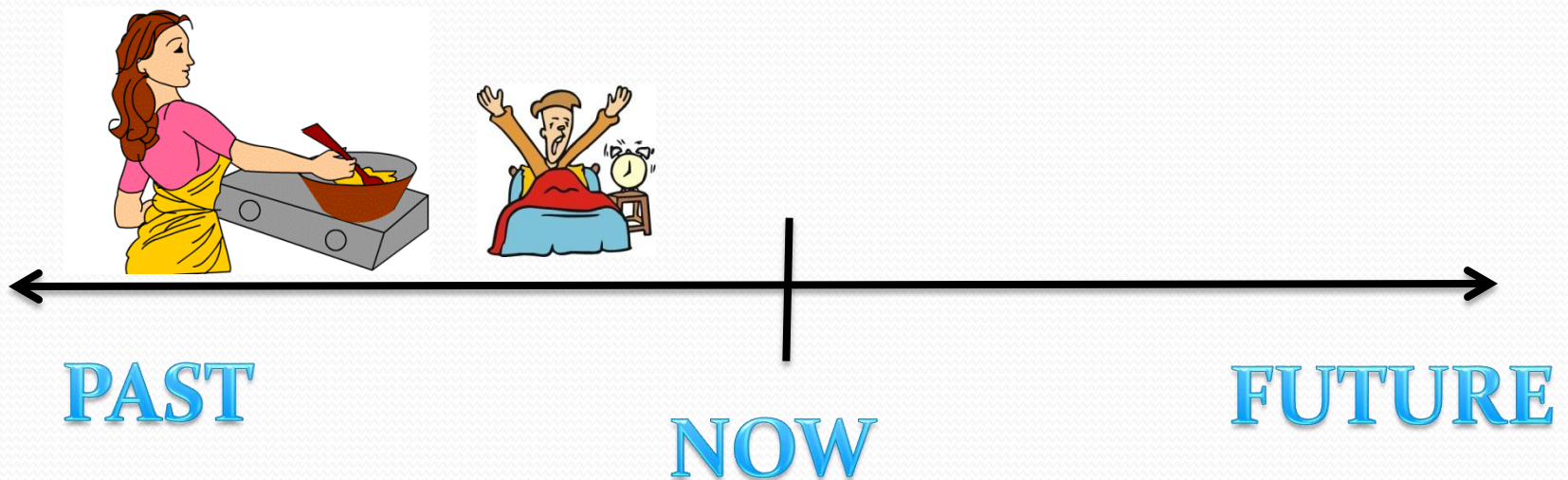
1. I (**visit**) \_\_\_\_\_ Egypt **five times so far**.
2. I (**meet**) \_\_\_\_\_ many people **since** I worked here.
3. Over 26,000 people (**die**) \_\_\_\_\_ **since** the outbreak of the war in Syria.
4. We (**know**) \_\_\_\_\_ him **since** my childhood.
5. We (**not talk**) \_\_\_\_\_ to each other **since** January.
6. Israel (**confiscate**) \_\_\_\_\_ about 30,000 dunums of Palestinian farmland since 2007.
7. Israeli occupation forces (**attack**) \_\_\_\_\_ the resistance in Gaza

# Past Perfect

## Had +pp

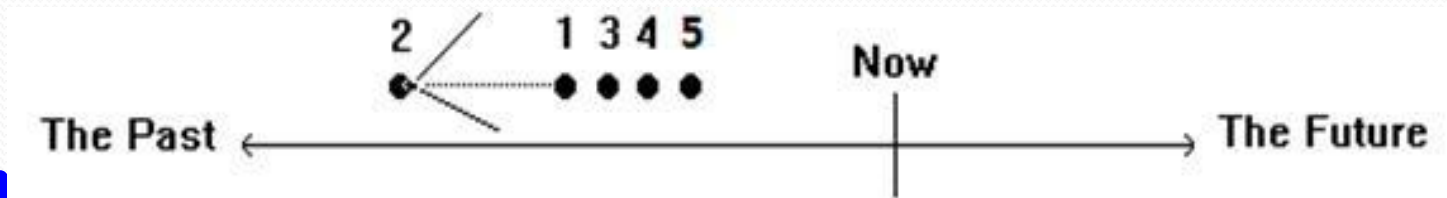
- Indicates an action in the past that had been completed before another action or event in the past (Past before past)

My mother had cooked before I woke up



# Past Perfect Simple

**Past Perfect:** It is to show an action or situation happened **BEFORE** another event in the past.



1. **When** **were** singing. **I had slept (2) really well the night before. I had a shower (3), ate some breakfast (4) and left for work at 9am. (5)**
2. The car was speeding down the road when the accident happened. The driver saw what **had happened** and **stopped** his car. He **called** the police and **said** that he **had witnessed** an accident.
3. I **woke up** at 7am and left for work after **I had had** a shower and **eaten** some breakfast.

# Past perfect (had + pp)

- She had talked to me **before** she left.
- She left **after** she had talked to me.
- **When** Ahmed had arrived, Jane left.
- They were angry **because** Tom hadn't invited them to the party.
- We had waited for him for two hours **before** he arrived yesterday.

## Task 5: correct the verbs in brackets in the following sentences:

1. The storm destroyed the tent that we (**build**).

✓ **had built**

2. We (**sleep**) for 12 hours when he woke us up.

✓ **Had slept**

3. The President announced his resignation after he (**consult**) with his aides.

✓ **Had consulted**

4. They (**be**) very tired in the evening because they had helped on the farm all day.

✓ **were**



5. My brother ate all of the cake that our mum (**make**).

✓ **Had made**

6. Thousands of people (**protest**) in the streets after they had heard about the deadly attack.

✓ **protested**

7. They had waited at the station for 90 minutes when the train finally (**arrive**).

✓ **arrived**

8. The delegation (**hold**) talks with the prisoners' families before they met the President.

✓ **Had held**

9. When she (**go**) out to play, she had already done her homework.

✓ **went**

10. We (**look for**) her missing bag for two hours and then we found it behind the table.

✓ **had looked**

**Task 6: Change the verbs in brackets to the past tense: simple, continuous, or perfect**

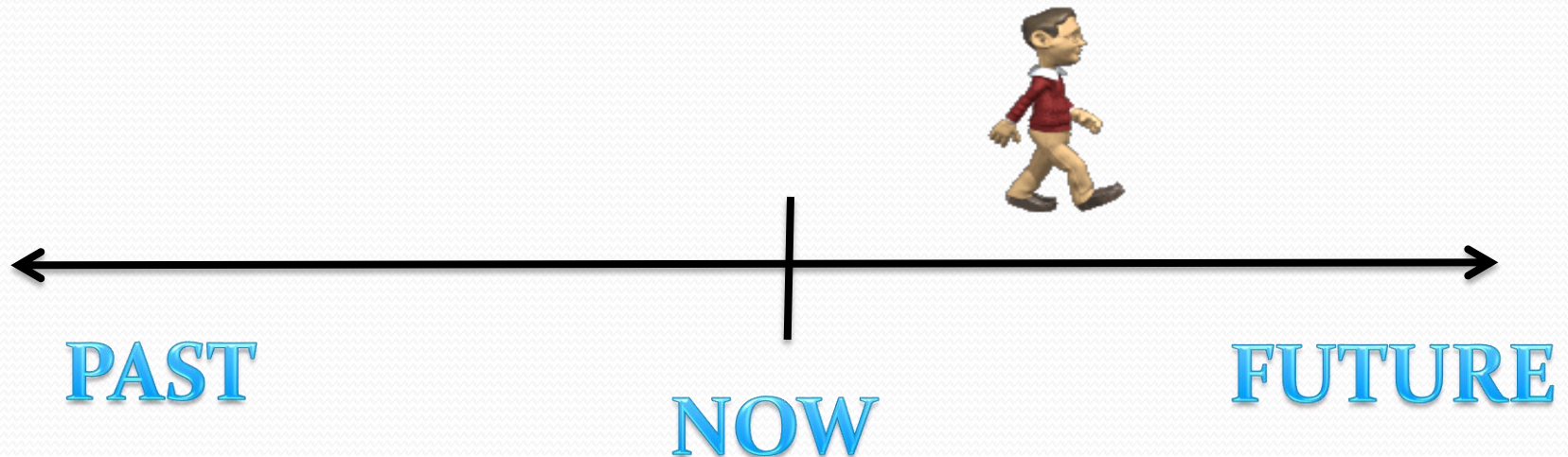
1. While I \_\_\_\_\_ (*play*) football I \_\_\_\_\_ (*hurt*) my leg.
2. Palestinian PM Ismail Haniya (tour) \_\_\_\_\_ in Nuseirat camp last week.
3. 20 people (die) \_\_\_\_\_ in the fighting between Egyptian police and protesters since last month.
4. Israel (build) \_\_\_\_\_ new colonial settlements in the occupied West Bank.
5. A statement by the PLO (express) \_\_\_\_\_ support for the Syrian people yesterday.
6. The Saudi King returned to Saudi Arabia after he (receive) \_\_\_\_\_ treatment in Washington.
7. Egypt (ease) \_\_\_\_\_ travel restrictions slightly after President's Morsi's election victory

# Future Simple

## Will + Verb

- Indicates an action that will take place after the current moment, and that has no real connection with the current time

He will walk home



# Future Simple

## Will + Verb

1. The President will visit Italy next week.
2. The voters will go to the polls tomorrow to elect a new president.
3. The Minister of Health will resign from post next month.
4. Over 10,000 people will gather in Gaza's main square.
5. Israel will build more Jewish settlements in Jerusalem.

**Thank  
you**

