**Present Tenses**

**Present Perfect (simple)**

Form: Have + Past Participle

1. **Indeterminate past actions:**

* finished action in the past
* time **not** specified

Ex. *(“have u ever done that?”, “I’havent been to Spain”, “I have never been to Spain”)*

1. **Recently finished actions with an effect on the present**

* Adverbs: Just, already, yet

Ex. *(“I have just eaten”, “I have already finished”, “I haven’t eaten yet)*

1. **Duration**

* Action started in the past that continue in the present

Ex. *(“How long have you studied english? I’ve studied english for 12 years, “I’ve studied english since I was in middle school”)*

FOR = Quantity of time (2 weeks, 5 minutes)

SINCE = Moment in time (Six years ago)

**Present Perfect (continuous)**

Form: Have been

1. **Depends on source of the present effect:**
2. Effect from the action itself: simple – I’m not hungry because I’ve already eaten;
3. Effect from duration of action: continuous – I’m tired because I’ve been shopping all day
4. **Duration of actions:**

Ex. *(“I’ve been living in Italy since 2006”, “They’ve been playing football for 16 years”)*

**Past Tenses**

**Past Simple + Past Continuous**

Simultaneous actions: one action that was in progress (PC) when another action interrupted it (PS).

Often coordinated with WHILE or WHEN.

* *“While he was walking home from school, a dog attacked him”*
* *“He was walking home fron school when a dog attacked him”*

**Past Continuous**

**Past Perfect**

When the second action chronologically come first in a sentence or series of phrases.

* “*When I arrived home, I noticed that my wallet had been stolen.”*
* *“He accused John of stealing the car, but later realized that he had only forgotten where he had parked it.”*
* *“Before studying abroad last year, David had been studying French for seven years”*

**Describing Past Habits**

***Used to + Base Form***

Ex. *(“She used to work at Google.”, “He didn’t use to live so far away”, “Did he use to have long hair?”)*

Used to is strictly about facts, it can be with any verbs;

To describe actions or states that happened regularly or repeatedly in the past, but don’t happen now.

In the negative, the action or state was not true in the past but is true in the present.

Ex. *(“I didn’t use to study so much (=I study a lot now)”, “She didn’t use tolive so far away (=now she lives far away)”. )*

***Would + Base Form***

Ex. *(“When I was a child I would stay at my grandparents’ farm all summer.”)*

Would also conveys an idea of enjoyment, cannot be used for states.