

English Verb Tenses — Active & Passive

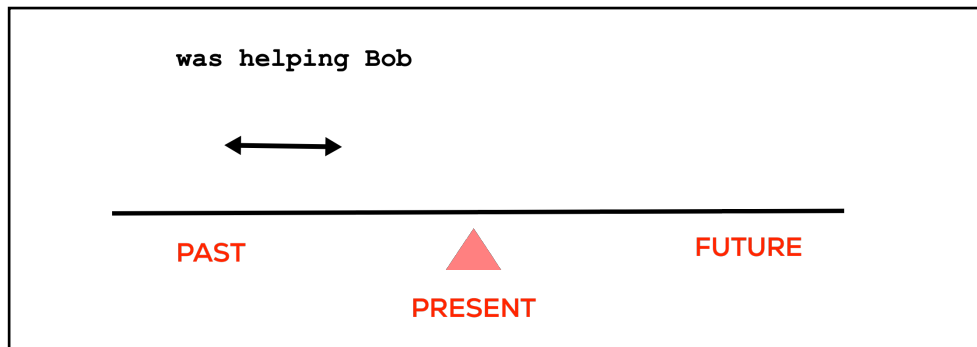
TENSE		Active	Passive
Past		I lived in Canada.	I was bitten by a dog.
Present		I live in Canada.	I am bitten by a dog.
Future		I will live in Canada.	I will be bitten by a dog.
Past	CONTINUOUS	I was living in Canada.	I was being bitten by a dog.
Present		I am living in Canada.	I am being bitten by a dog.
Future		I will be living in Canada.	I will be being bitten by a dog.
Past	PERFECT	I had lived in Canada.	I had been bitten by a dog.
Present		I have lived in Canada.	I have been bitten by a dog.
Future		I will have lived in Canada.	I will have been bitten by a dog.
Past	PERFECT CT S	I had been living in Canada.	Bikes had been being fixed by him.
Present		I have been living in Canada.	Bikes have been being fixed by him.
Future		I will have been living in Canada.	Bikes will have been being fixed by him.

1. CONTINUOUS TENSES

PAST CONTINUOUS

- indicates subject was in the middle of an action

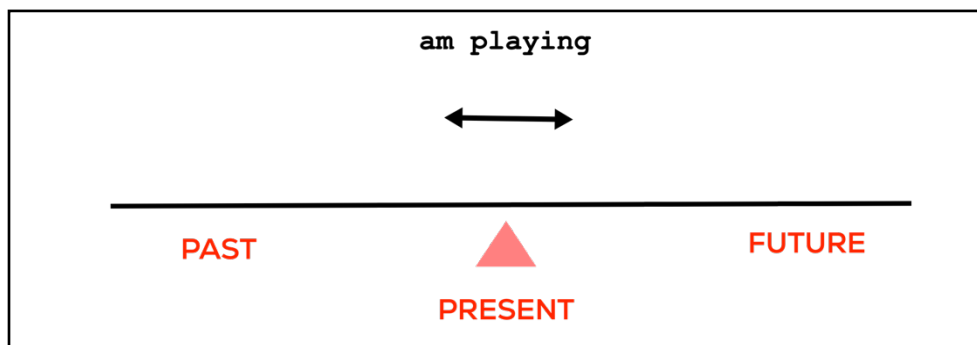
I was helping Bob.



PRESENT CONTINUOUS

- indicates subject is in the middle of an action

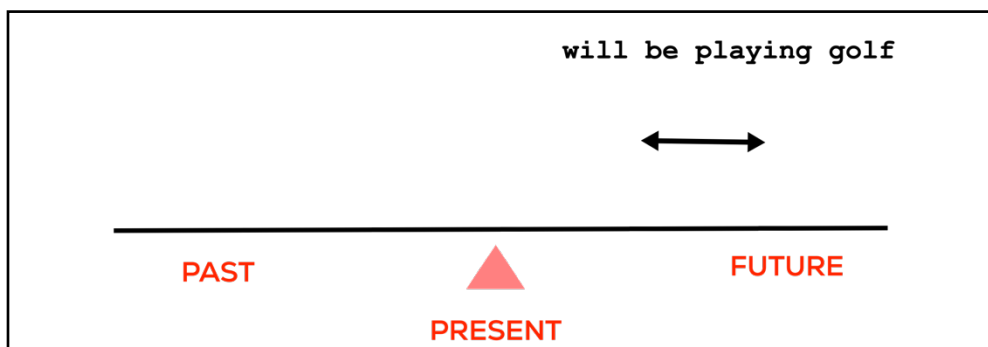
I am playing.



FUTURE CONTINUOUS

- use for an action over a period of future time. Indicates subject is in the middle of an action

I'll be playing golf.

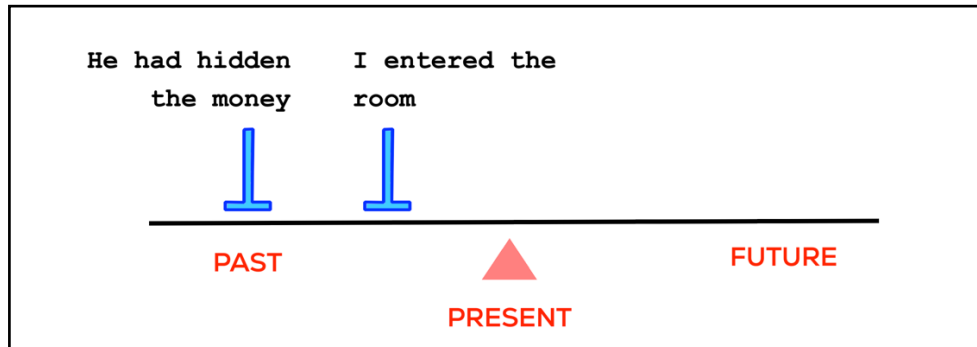


2. PERFECT TENSES

PAST PERFECT

- action completed before some definite time in the past

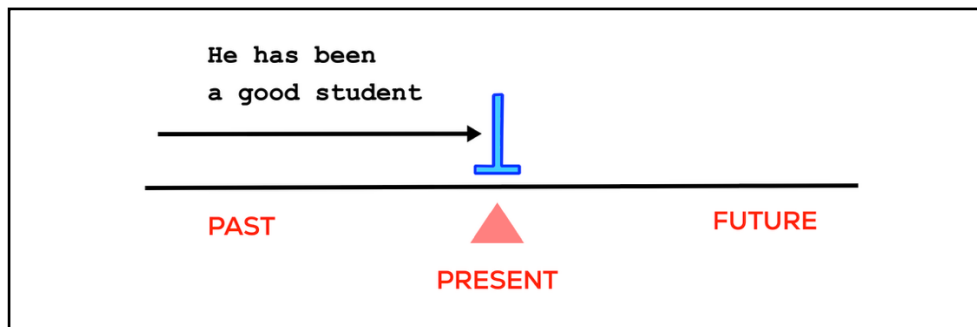
He had hidden the money by the time I entered the room.



PRESENT PERFECT

- action that is completed at time of speaking or action continuing into the present

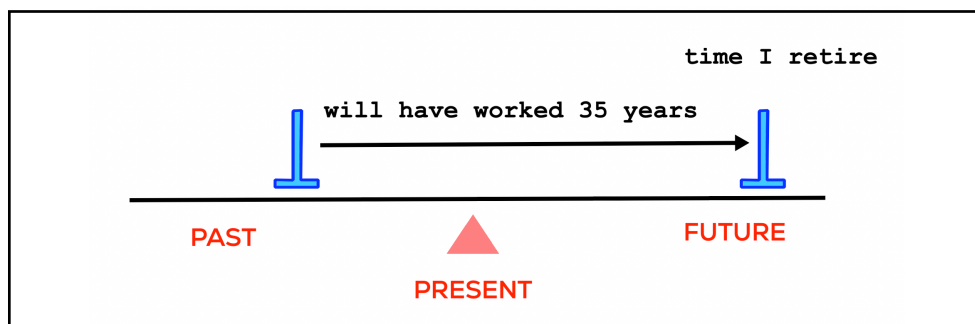
He has been a good student all year.



FUTURE PERFECT

- action that will be completed at some time in the future.

By the time I retire, I will have worked for 35 years.

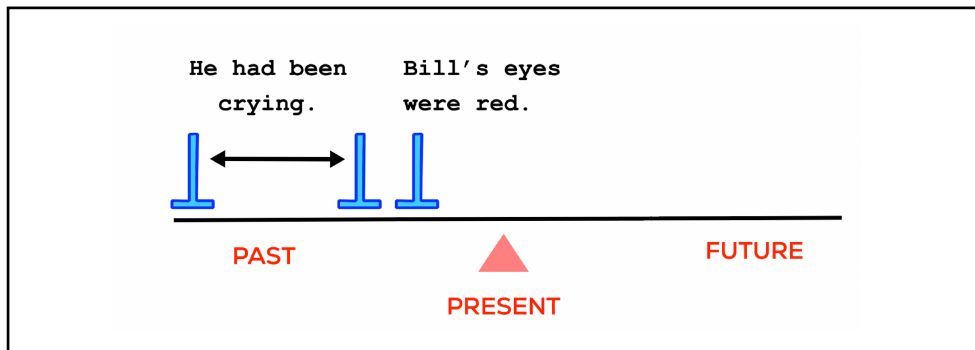


3. PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSES

PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

- use for an action over a period of time up to a past time

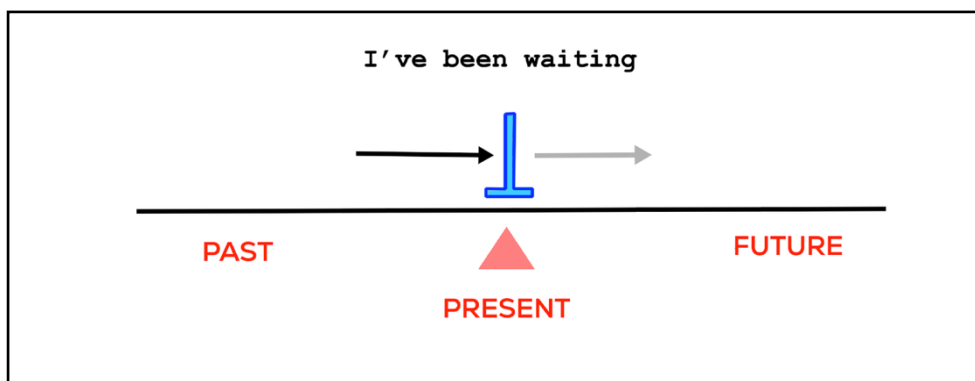
Bill's eyes were red. He had been crying.



PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

- action over a period of time up to now

I've been waiting here for 20 minutes.



FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS

- action over a period of time up to a future time

When the clock strikes 12, I will have been waiting for two hours.

