

Present Progressive

('be + ing' event is now – has not finished)

Does not matter when started
1 hour, 1 week, 2 months...

Not finished and end
time/date not important

Examples

John is **working** on the ABC Project
The meeting is **taking** place right now

Past Progressive

'be + ing'
2 events in past

10 o'clock
Meeting started

11 o'clock
John arrived

12 o'clock
Meeting continues

Examples

It **was raining** in Paris when the train **arrived**
The PM **was talking** when John **joined** the meeting

Future Progressive

'be + ing'
2 events in future

10 o'clock
Golf starts

11 o'clock
We arrive

12 o'clock
Golf continues

Examples

The CEO **will be playing** golf when we get there

Past

Now

Future

Present Perfect

('have' + past)
Event finished but,
time is not important

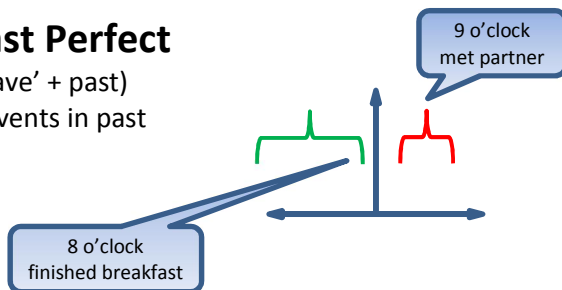


Examples

John **has** already **eaten**
I **have** already **written** the plan for the next phase

Past Perfect

('have' + past)
2 events in past

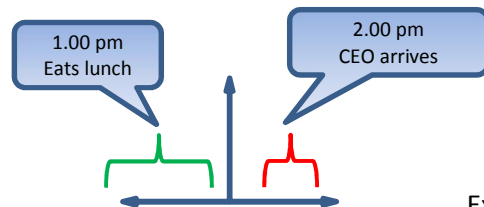


Examples

John **had** already **eaten** when his partner **arrived**
The Executive **had** already **agreed** the budget before he **received** the report

Future Perfect

2 events in future
One will finish before the other



Examples

John **will** already **have eaten** when the CEO **arrives**
The CFO **will** already **have paid** the first invoice before the second **arrives**

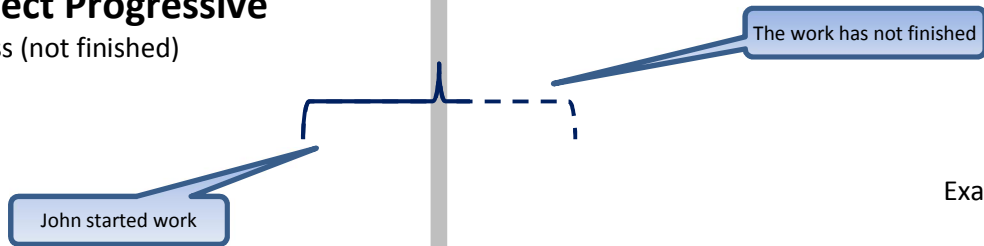
Past

Now

Future

Present Perfect Progressive

Event is in progress (not finished)

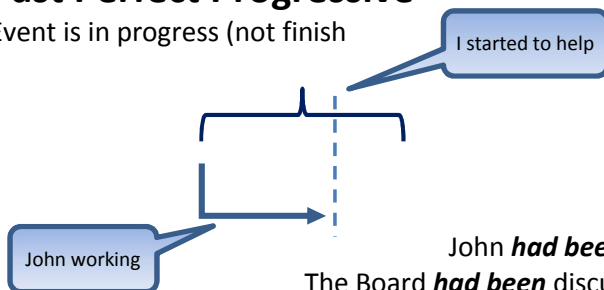


Examples

John **has been** working on the plans for 2 days
The Team Leader **has been** waiting for over 2 hours

Past Perfect Progressive

Event is in progress (not finish)

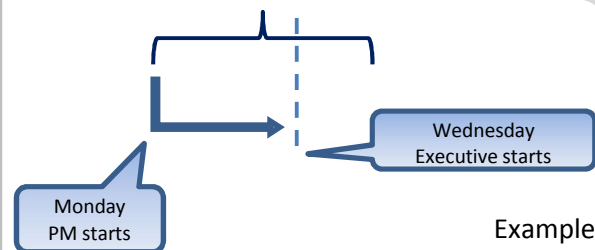


Examples

John **had been** working on the plans for 2 days before I **helped** him
The Board **had been** discussing the final stage for 1 hour before the PM **arrived**

Future Perfect Progressive

Event is in progress (not finished)



Examples

John **will have been** planning for a few hours before the team arrives
The PM **will have been** working on the plans for 2 days before the Executive joins him

Past

Now

Future