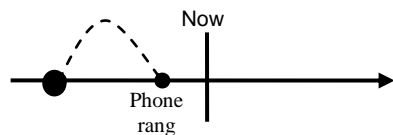


Perfect Continuous Tenses

Past Perfect Continuous

An action was happening before another action in the past.

I had been speaking to her when the phone rang.



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Present Perfect Continuous

An action was happening in the past and is continuing now.

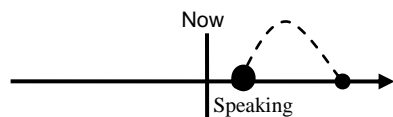
I have been speaking to her for two hours.



Future Perfect Continuous

An action will be happening at sometime in the future.

I will have been speaking to her for two years next month.



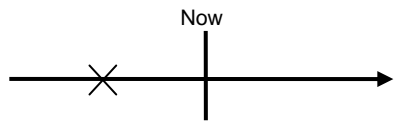
The 12 Verb Tenses

Simple Tenses

Past Simple

An action was finished in the past.

I spoke to her yesterday.



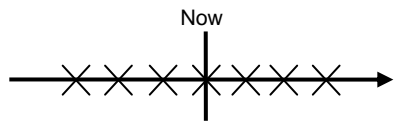
Present Simple

1. An action is repetitive, systematic, or habit.

I speak to her every day.

2. An action is a general truth.

Most Canadians speak English.



Future Simple

1. An action is an intention or prediction.

I will speak to her next week.

2. Expressing commitment and promises.

I will speak to her.

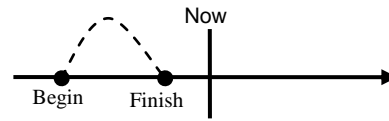


Continuous Tenses

Past Continuous

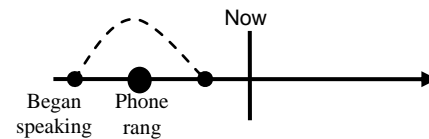
1. To show an action was happening in the past.

Last night at 9pm, I was speaking to her.



2. To show an interrupted past action.

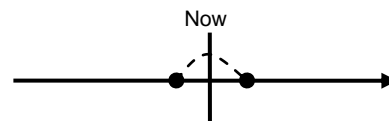
While I was speaking to her, the phone rang.



Present Continuous

An action is happening now.

I am speaking to her.



Future Continuous

An action will be happening in the future.

I will be speaking to her tomorrow.

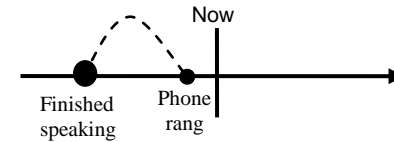


Perfect Tenses

Past Perfect

An action happened before another action in the past.

I had spoken to her before the phone rang.



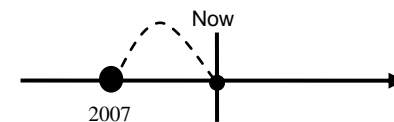
Present Perfect

1. An action began in the past and continues now.

I have spoken to her since 2007.

2. An action finished in the past, but still has an influence now.

I have spoken to her two times this month



Future Perfect

An action will be finished before a certain time in the future.

I will have spoken to her before I call you next week.

