Time Expressions: Active Voice

PAST			PRESENT		
Perfect *Before the past*	**Simple** *in*	**Continuous** *during the past* *(over a period of time)*	**Perfect** *before the present*	**Simple** *habits, truths*	**Continuous** *during*
had + Vd-t-n **had written**	VXD →did Vb **wrote / didn't write**	**was/were + Ving**	have/has + Vd-t-n **have/has written**	**V/XO, V/XS** **write/ writes**	be + Ving **am, are, is writing**

Used with **by the time** or **when** shifters to express two activities in the past, one occurring before the other.
 	
1st event: had dtn
2nd event: VXD
 	
②**By the time/When** we arrived, ① he had **already** left.
	yesterday
	
	last ____
	     night
	     week
	     month
	     weekend
	
	the last time
	the first time
	
	____ ____ **ago**
	  a day
	  two weeks
	  etc.
	
	earlier ____
	       today
	       this week
	       etc.
	in _____
	       the past, 1776
	on _____
	       Monday,
	       July 4, 1776
	at _____
	       5 am,
	       midnight
	       night
		Used with **when** shifters to express past activity in progress, interrupted by a non-continuous activity:
		
		①I was writing
		②**when** you called.
		
		Used with **while** shifters to express two continuous activities occurring at the same time in past
		
		①I was reading
		①**while** you were writing.
			_____ **times**
			  many
			  a couple of
			  several
			
			in the last/past _____
			  week, month, year, etc.
			
			  since _____
			       3 o'clock
			       yesterday
			       the 90s
			       etc.
			for _____
			       two days
			       three hours, *etc.*
			all _____
			       afternoon, day, my life
			
			up to now
			so far
			lately
			
			Middle Words
			just, already, recently
			Negatives
			hasn't dtn **in a long time,**
			yet
			haven't **ever** dtn
			still hasn't dtn
			Questions
			how long has Ⓢ dtn…?
			has Ⓢ **ever/already** dtn …?
				every (other) _____
				       day
				       Monday
				       week
				       etc.
				
				twice a _____
				two times _____
				a few times ____
				       a day
				       a week
				       a year
				in _____
				       the morning
				on _____
				       Monday**s,**
				       weekend**s,** *etc.*
				at _____
				       5am
				       midnight
				       night
				
				from 9 to 5
				
				*always
				all the time
				usually
				normally
				generally
				often
				sometimes
				rarely
				never
					(right) **now**
					at the moment
					currently
					temporarily
					
					this _____
					       week
					       semester
					       month
					       etc.
					
					today

*Frequency words are also used with have/has d-t-n and V/XD for repeated actions

FUTURE

perfect *before the future*	simple *prediction or intention*	continuous *during a future time*
will have + Vd-t-n **will have written**	**will Vb, BE going to Vb** **be + Ving** (near future) **will write** **is + going to write** **is + writing**	**will be +Ving** **am, is, are going to be Ving** **will be writing** **is going to be writing**

by _____ (future time)
        8:20 am
        next week
        next year
 	
by the time
 	
By the end of next semester, I will have passed Grammar 4**.**
	tomorrow
	
	tonight
	
	this afternoon
	this weekend
	
	next _____
	        week
	        month
	        year
	        summer
	
	the next time
	
	after _____
	        lunch
	        dinner
	        class
	        I graduate
	
	In _____
	        a few days
	        ten minutes
	        a month
	        etc.
		at (future time)
		        8 pm
		
		on (future date)
		        Sunday
		        Thanksgiving Day
		
		This time next week, I'll be sitting on the beach.