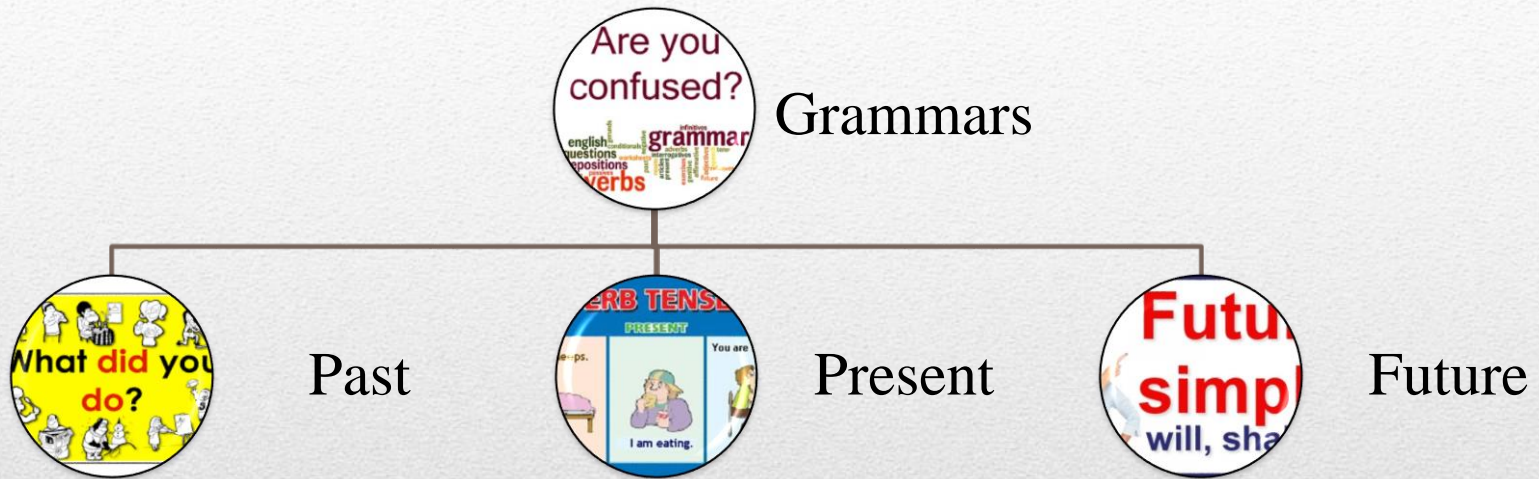
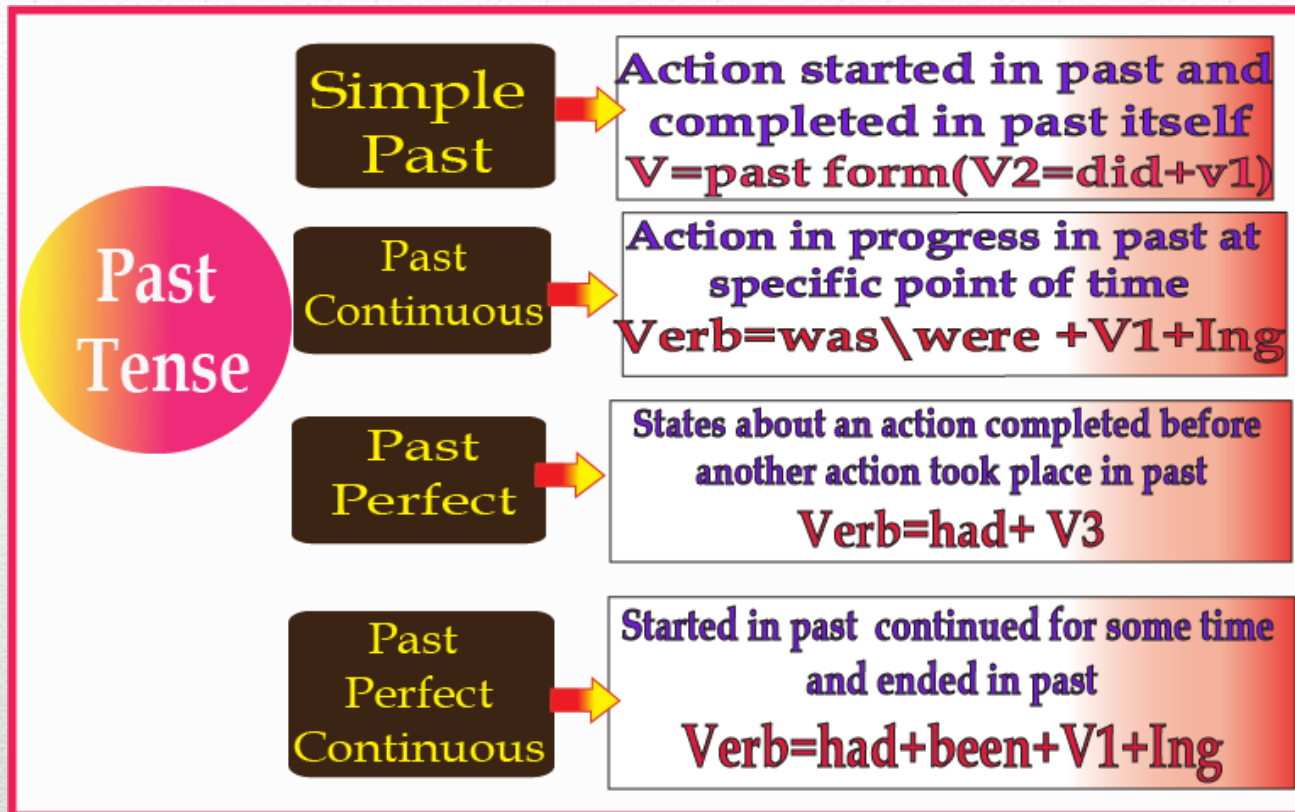


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Past Simple

- We use the past tense to talk about:
 1. something that happened once in the past:
 - We went to Spain for our holidays.
 - They got home very late last night.
 2. something that happened again and again in the past:
 - They always enjoyed visiting their friends.
 3. something that was true for some time in the past:
 - I lived abroad for ten years.
 4. we often use phrases with ago with the past tense:
 - I met my wife a long time ago.

Past Simple Tense

Questions and **negatives**:

A: Questions

- We use **did** to make questions with the past tense:
- When did you meet your wife?
- Where did you go for your holidays?
- Did she play tennis when she was younger?

- But look at these questions:
- Who discovered penicillin?
- Who wrote Don Quixote?

Past Simple Tense

- B- Negative
- We use didn't (did not) to make negatives with the past tense:
- They didn't go to Spain this year.
- We didn't get home until very late last night.

Past Simple Tens

- The past continuous is formed from the past tense of **be** with the **-ing** form of the verb: We use the past continuous to talk about the **past**:
 1. **for something which continued before and after another action:**
 - The children **were doing their homework** when I got home.
 2. **Use of the past continuous is very common at the beginning of a story:**
 - The other day **I was waiting** for a bus when ...
 3. **for something that happened before and after a particular time:**
 - It was eight o'clock. I was writing a letter.
- Compare:**
At eight o'clock I wrote some letters.

Past Continuous Tens

4. To show that something **continued for some time**:

- My head **was aching**.
Everyone **was shouting**.

5. for something that was happening **again and again**:

- I **was practising** every day, three times a day.

6. with verbs which show **change or growth**:

- The children **were growing up** quickly.

Past Continuous Tens

We use the verb ***had*** and the **past participle** for the **past perfect**:

- I **had finished** the work.

We use the past perfect tense:

1. for something that started in the past and continued up to a given time in the past:

When George died he and Anne had been married for nearly fifty years.

She didn't want to move. She had lived in Liverpool all her life.

2. for something we had done several times up to a point in the past and continued to do after that point:

He had written three books and he was working on another one.

Past Perfect Tense

3. We often use a clause with since to show when something started in the past:

- I was sorry when the factory closed. I had worked there since 1975.

4. when we are reporting our experience and including up to the (then) present:

- My eighteenth birthday was the worst day I had ever had.
- I was pleased to meet George. I hadn't met him before, even though I had met his wife several times.

5. for something that happened in the past but is important at the time of reporting:

I couldn't get into the house. I had lost my keys.

Past Perfect Tense

6. We use the past perfect to talk about the past in conditions, hypotheses and wishes:

- I would have helped him if he had asked.
- It was very dangerous. What if you had got lost?
- I wish I hadn't spent so much money last month.

Past Perfect Tense
