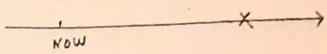
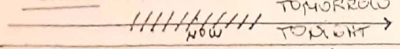
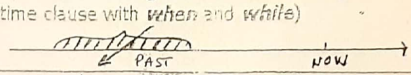
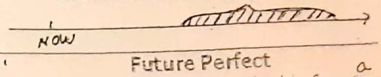
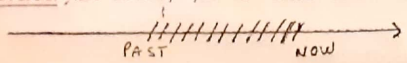
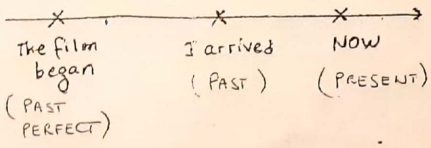
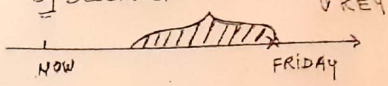
TENSES

	Present	Past	Future
SIMPLE	**Simple Present** Habitual Actions Example: I work at a bank. She gets up early. Adverbs: every day, sometimes, usually, always, sometimes, never, once a week, etc Auxiliaries: Do / Does. TIMETABLES: The class starts at 8AM.	**Simple Past** FINISHED ACTIONS Definite past actions with a time reference Ex: I worked in a bank from 1990 to 1993 She finished secondary school in 1988 Adverbs: yesterday, last year/month/week/ Saturday; 2 years/ three hours/ a month ago, in 1996. WHEN? Auxiliary: Did. 	**Simple Future** GOING TO / PRESENT CONTINUOUS Future Actions Predictions for the future. Ex: I will work at school when I graduate Adverbs: next week/ month/ year Tomorrow, in 5 years' time. 
CONTINUOUS	**Present Continuous** Action now. / FUTURE ARRANGEMENT/ Ex: I 'm working at a bank now. TEMPORY SITUATION Where is Jane? She 's sleeping now. Adverbs: now, at the moment, at present 	**Past Continuous** BACKGROUND INFORMATION An action in progress in the past. Ex: I was working in the bank when I married She was cooking when the phone rang. (time clause with *when* and *while*) 	**Future Continuous** An action that will be happening at a particular time in the future. Ex: I will be studying English all day tomor She will be travelling to England tr 
PERFECT	**Present Perfect** SIMPLE Action before now with present consequences (no time reference) EXPERIENCE Ex: I've broken my leg. RESULT I've lost my glasses An action that began in the past and goes on in the present. Ex: We haven't had any problems so far.. I have studied English for 5 years. She hasn't eaten anything since breakfast. Adverbs: just- already- yet- for- since- so far- lately. 	**Past Perfect** An action that happened before another past action. Ex: When I arrived the film had already began. When Sarah phoned, David had already left Time clauses with: when- before- after- as soon as 	**Future Perfect** An action that will have finished before a certain time in the future. Ex: I will have finished this report by Friday She will have finished secondary school by December. KEY WORD? 

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