

| ASPECT         |   | SIMPLE  | PROGRESSIVE   | PERFECT   | PERFECT PROGRESSIVE                               |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| MEANING        |   | a common aspect   | a process   | priority  | priority + process                                |
|                |   | When?   | At what time?   | By what time?                                       | Since what time? How long?                        |
| Period of time |   | usually, often, always, seldom, every day (week, month, year) | now, at the moment  | ever, never, just, already, nor...yet, by 3p.m.     | since 3p.m., for a long lime, for a month...      |
| Present        | + | V, Vs   | am<br>is + <b>Ving</b><br>are                                 | have<br>+ <b>Ved, V3</b><br>has                     | have<br>+ been + <b>Ving</b><br>has               |
|                | ? | do, does... V   | inversion   | inversion   | inversion   |
|                | - | do, does + not + V  | am, is, are + not + <b>Ving</b>                               | have, has + not + <b>Ved, V3</b>                    | have, has + not + been + <b>Ving</b>              |
| Period of time |   | yesterday, last week (month, year), long ago                  | yesterday at 3p.m., yesterday from 6 till 7, when you came... | yesterday by 3p.m., before some time in the past... | yesterday since 3p.m., for some time in the past  |
| Past           | + | <b>Ved, V2</b>  | was<br>+ <b>Ving</b><br>were                                  | had + <b>Ved, V3</b>                                | had + been + <b>Ving</b>                          |
|                | ? | did... V  | inversion   | inversion   | inversion   |
|                | - | did + not + V   | was, were + not + <b>Ving</b>                                 | had + not + <b>Ved, V3</b>                          | had + not + been + <b>Ving</b>                    |
| Period of time |   | tomorrow, next week (month, year)                             | tomorrow at 3p.m., tomorrow from 6 till 7, when you come      | tomorrow by 3p.m., by some time in the future       | tomorrow since 3p.m. ,for some time in the future |
| Future         | + | will + <b>V</b>   | will + be + <b>Ving</b>                                       | will + have + <b>Ved, V3</b>                        | will + have + been + <b>Ving</b>                  |
|                | ? | inversion   | inversion   | inversion   | inversion   |
|                | - | won't + V   | won't + be + <b>Ving</b>                                      | won't + have + <b>Ved, V3</b>                       | won't + have + been + <b>Ving</b>                 |