

TIME BOXES : PUNCTUAL vs. CONTINUOUS

PAST SIMPLE

a) Denota un'azione conclusa completamente.

I woke up at six this morning.

b) Si riferisce ad eventi passati, senza relazione con il presente.

I lived in London, when I was a child. Now I live in Rome.

c) Narra eventi passati.

The first world war broke out in 1939.

Frase negative interrogative AUSILIARE "DID"

At what time did you wake up this morning?

Where did you live as a child?

When did WW1 break out?

Why didn't you go to school yesterday?

AGO LAST YESTERDAY LAST MONDAY WHEN I WAS A CHILD

PAST CONTINUOUS

la durata di una azione nel tempo al passato. Traduce il nostro " imperfetto ". Si trova spesso in relazione con una azione puntuale.

I was watching TV when the door-bell rang.

I was living in Paris when I first met her.

As I was having a shower, I heard a loud noise, just seconds before the plane crashed.

Frase negative e interrogative AUSILIARE " TO BE "

Where exactly were they living at the time you met them?

They were no longer living in Australia, I met them in France.

When did Sarah and John get married? They got married 5 years ago.

When did you see him last? November. That was in November, while I was having a course at the university.

Avverbi , aggettivi, espressioni di tempo

WHILE AS JUST WHEN

PRESENT PERFECT

- a) **Denota un'azione cominciata nel passato che perdura nel presente. Es. Studio inglese da due anni. In italiano usiamo il presente semplice!**

Sarah has studied French for two years only, but she is quite fluent already.

My friends have lived in Trieste since 2020, when they were obliged to leave their country.

Have you already finished reading the last novel by Dan Brown?

- b) **Denota una azione "aperta" perché se ne parla e se ne discute al momento o perché potrebbe avvenire in futuro.**

Have you ever visited Congo?

Haven't you met the new teacher of Chinese yet? He's just come from Beijing!

Fraasi negative e interrogative AUSILIARE "TO HAVE"

I haven't been to Marocco so far.

Since when have you worked for this firm?

How long have they had that car?

Avverbi ed espressioni di tempo

FOR SINCE EVER YET (?) JUST ALREADY NEVER FOR AGES

PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

Denota un'azione cominciata nel passato che perdura nel presente senza soluzione di continuità.

I haven't slept at all tonight, because I have been preparing my last exam!

Have you really been watching TV all night long? How silly of you!

They have been discussing for hours without reaching a final, common decision.

Molly has already been running for an hour and a half, and she doesn't look tired at all !
Espressioni di tempo: FOR SINCE STILL ALL DAY / NIGHT LONG FOR HOURS

FUTURE CONTINUOUS

Denota un'azione che avverrà nel futuro al medesimo tempo con riferimento al momento attuale.

I'll be sleeping in New York, tomorrow at this time!