

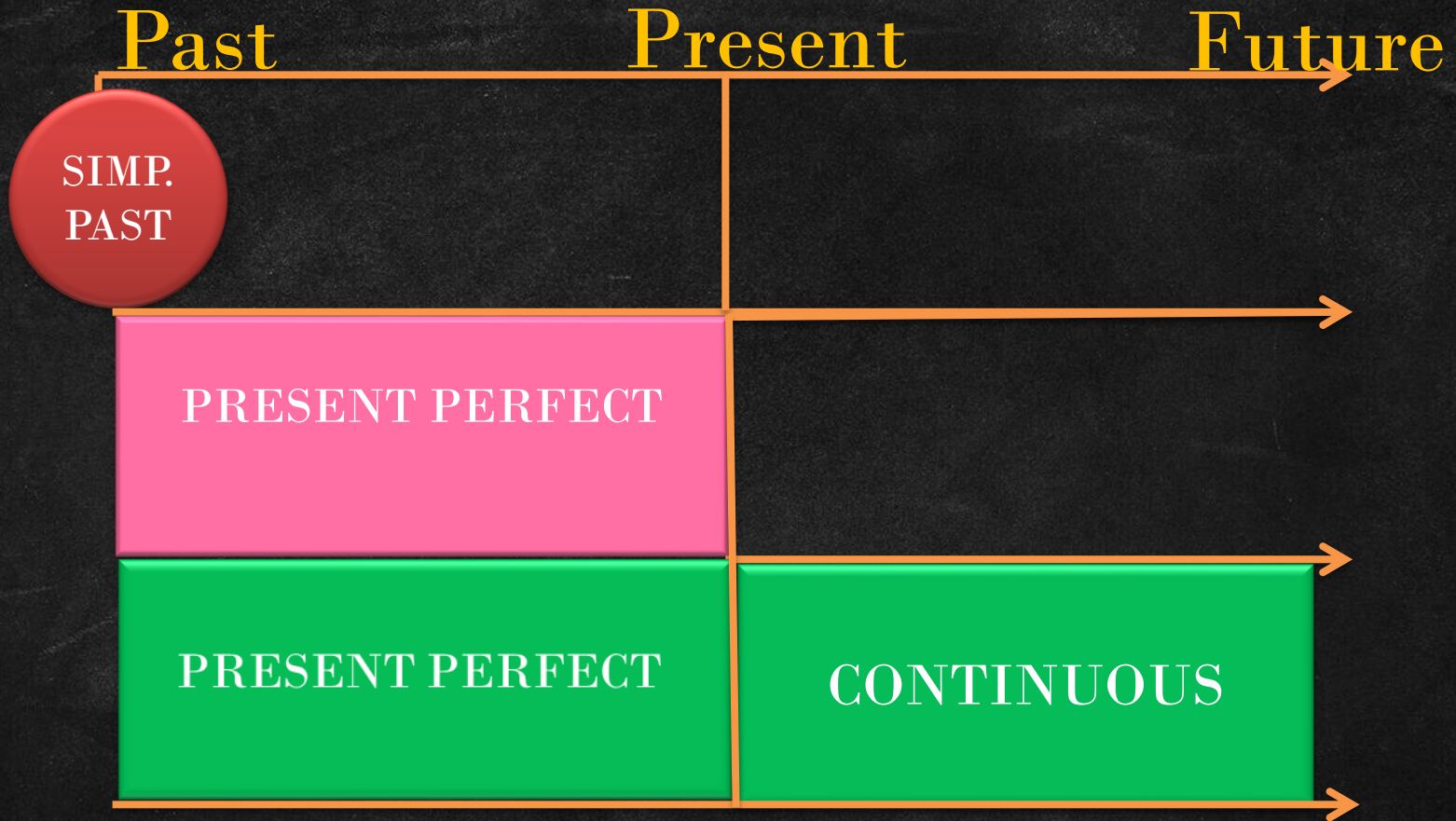
SIMPLE PAST

*PRESENT
PERFECT*

*PRESENT
PERFECT
CONTINUOUS*

USAGE





Past

Present

Future

AGO

FOR

FOR

FOR

SINCE



SIMPLE PAST= Completed Action in the past

1. When the time is given
2. With «ago»
3. With adverbs of time like : «*last*», «*just now*», «*once*»
4. When the past time is implied by the mention of a place.
5. When the past time is clearly understood



Examples

1. I saw the play *on Tuesday*
2. I left Milan one hour *ago*
3. John left *just now*
4. I saw him in London (when I was there)
5. How much did you pay for the hat?



Present Perfect

1. To describe an action or state which began in the past and continued up to the moment of speaking or writing. Ex: *How long have you had the car?*
2. To describe a past action connected with its results with the moment of speaking or writing. Ex: *I have bought a new car.*
3. With the following adverbs:
already, ever, just, never, not yet, so far, till now, up to now, recently, lately, today, this week, this year, this month, since, for.



Present Perfect Continuous

- It describes an action that began in the past and is still continuing at the moment of speaking or writing. Ex: *I have been living in this very house for 40 years*

VERBS NOT USUALLY FOUND IN CONTINUOUS FORMS:

SEE, HEAR, SMELL, TASTE, BELIEVE, FORGET, KNOW, UNDERSTAND, TRUST, LOVE, LIKE, HATE, DISLIKE, FORGIVE, WISH, WANT, HAVE (POSSESS). BE, FIT, SEEM, BELONG TO.





So, before picking
the right tense,
check the given (or
implied) adverb of
time first!



SIMPLE PAST

**PRESENT
PERFECT**

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PERFECT
CONTINUOUS**

**AGO
LAST YEAR,
LASTWEEK...
YESTEDAY
DATES (1960)
JUST NOW
ONCE
WHEN**

**JUST
ALREADY
YET
EVER
NEVER
LATELY
RECENTLY
THIS WEEK
THIS YEAR...
TODAY
SINCE
FOR
SP FAR
TILL NOW
UP TO NOW
HOW LONG**

**SINCE
FOR
HOW LONG**



I hope you've
found this recap
useful! See U!

