

## Time Clause Patterns

Some verb tenses often work with time clauses. Sentences with time clauses have two parts. First, the clause with the time word and second, the main clause. Remember:

- The part with the time word is always dependent.
- Most time words work with more than one tense.
- In the present, past, and future perfect progressive tenses, 'for' is not always necessary, but it is often used.

Time word	Time clause tense	Main clause tense	Examples
After	Simple present	Simple future	After Rosy <i>takes</i> her car to the garage, the mechanic <u>will take</u> a look at it.
	Simple past or past perfect*	Simple past	After Rosy <i>took</i> [ <i>had taken</i> ] her car to the garage, she <u>took</u> a taxi to work.
As soon as	Simple present	Simple future	As soon as I <i>get</i> home, I <u>will have</u> a siesta.
	Simple past	Simple past	As soon as I <i>got</i> home, I <u>had</u> a siesta.
Before	Simple present	Simple future	Before Rosy <i>goes</i> to work, she <u>will tidy up</u> her house.
	Simple past	Simple past or past perfect*	Before Rosy <i>went</i> to work, she ( <i>had</i> ) <u>tidied up</u> her house.
By the time	Simple present	Future perfect	By the time the train <i>arrives</i> , I <u>will have completed</u> the Sudoku.
	Simple past	Past perfect	By the time the train <i>arrived</i> , most of the Sudoku <u>had been done</u> .
Since (time)	Simple past	Present perfect	Rosy <u>has been</u> sad since her team <i>lost</i> the match.
The first time	Simple past	Simple past	The first time that Rosy <i>went</i> to Paris, she <u>visited</u> the Eiffel Tower.
The last time	Simple past	Simple past	The last time that Rosy <i>played</i> tennis, she <u>won</u> .
The next time	Simple present	Simple future	The next time I <i>buy</i> new trainers, I <u>will try</u> them on first and run around the shop.
Until	Simple present	Simple future	Until Rosy <i>finishes</i> her driving lessons, she <u>won't take</u> her test.
	Simple past	Past perfect	Until Rosy <i>got caught</i> in heavy rain, she <u>hadn't realized</u> how important it was to have a car.
When	Simple present	Simple future	When Rosy <i>finishes</i> her diploma, she <u>will go</u> to France.

	<i>Simple past</i>	<u>Simple past</u>	When the diploma <i>was over</i> , Rosy <u>felt tired</u> .
		<u>Past progressive</u>	When the pizza <i>arrived</i> , Rosy <u>was studying</u> for her diploma.
		<u>Past perfect</u>	When Rosy's friend <i>came</i> , she <u>had already checked</u> her notes for her final exam.
		<u>Past perfect progressive</u>	When Rosy <i>got</i> home, her brother <u>had been playing</u> video games the whole day.
<b>Whenever</b>	<i>Simple present</i>	<u>Simple present</u>	Whenever Rosy <i>goes</i> to Santiago, she always <u>visits</u> Cerro San Cristóbal.
<b>While</b>	<i>Past progressive</i>	<u>Simple past</u> (short action)	While Rosy <i>was sleeping</i> , her phone <u>rang</u> .
		<u>Past progressive</u> (action at same time)	While Rosy <i>was frying</i> eggs, Felipe <u>was buttering</u> the toast.
	<i>Present progressive</i>	<u>Future progressive</u>	While Rosy <i>is studying</i> tomorrow, her brother <u>will be playing</u> video games...as always.

\*Before and after do not require the use of the past perfect, but it is possible.