

# Grammar Guide

## Past Tense Time Clauses in English

| Conjunction       | Tense       |   | Tense           |             |              | Tips   |
|-------------------|-------------|---|-----------------|-------------|--------------|--|
| After             | ?           | ? | Past Simple     |             |              | <i>The past after completion of another past</i>   |
| Before            | ?           |   | Past Perfect    | Past Simple |              | <i>Completed past before another past</i>          |
| Before            | ?           |   | Past Perfect    | Past Simple |              | <i>with verbs like finish or complete</i>          |
| Till / Until      | ?           | ? | Past Simple     |             |              | <i>Completed past before another past</i>          |
| Till/Until        | Past Simple |   | ?               |             |              | <i>with adverbs like never, always, once</i>       |
| As soon as / Once | ?           | ? | Past Simple     |             |              | <i>Completed past before another past</i>          |
| When              | ?           |   | Past Continuous | Past Simple | Past Perfect | <i>The meaning changes with each tense</i>         |
| By the Time       | Past Simple |   | ?               |             |              | <i>Completed past before another past</i>          |
| When              | Past Simple |   | ?               |             |              | <i>Interrupted actions in progress</i>             |
| When              | ?           |   | ?               |             |              | <i>consecutive actions</i>                         |
| While             | ?           |   | Past Simple     |             |              | <i>Interrupted actions in progress</i>             |
| While             | ?           |   | ?               |             |              | <i>Parallel actions in progress simultaneously</i> |
| While             | ?           |   | ?               |             |              | <i>Parallel actions completed simultaneously</i>   |