

Past Tense Time Clauses in English

Conjunction

Tense

	<u>Past Perfect</u>	<u>Simple Past</u>	<u>Past Simple</u>	Past Simple		
After	<u>Simple Past</u>	<u>Past Perfect</u>	<u>Past Perfect</u>	Past Simple		
Before	<u>Past Perfect</u>	<u>Past Perfect</u>	<u>Past Perfect</u>	Completed past before another past with verbs like finish or complete		
Before	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Perfect</u>	<u>Past Simple</u>	Completed past before another past		
Till / Until	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Perfect</u>	<u>Past Simple</u>	Completed past before another past with adverbs like never, always, once		
Till/Until	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Perfect</u>	<u>Past Perfect</u>	Completed past before another past		
As soon as / Once	<u>Past Perfect</u>	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Simple</u>	Completed past before another past		
When	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Continuous</u>	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Perfect</u>	<u>Past Perfect</u>
By the Time	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Continuous</u>	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Perfect</u>	<u>Past Perfect</u>
When	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Continuous</u>	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Perfect</u>	<u>Past Perfect</u>
When	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Continuous</u>	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Perfect</u>	<u>Past Perfect</u>
While	<u>Past Continuous</u>	<u>Past Continuous</u>	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Perfect</u>	<u>Past Perfect</u>
While	<u>Past Continuous</u>	<u>Past Continuous</u>	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Perfect</u>	<u>Past Perfect</u>
While	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Simple</u>	<u>Past Perfect</u>	<u>Past Perfect</u>

Tips

The past after completion of another past
Completed past before another past
with verbs like finish or complete
Completed past before another past
Completed past before another past with adverbs like never, always, once
Completed past before another past
The meaning changes with each tense
Completed past before another past
Interrupted actions in progress
consecutive actions
Interrupted actions in progress
Parallel actions in progress simultaneously
Parallel actions completed simultaneously