

Seminario 18:

Present Perfect

VS.

Past Simple

Overview:

- 1. What is the Present Perfect?**
- 2. Form**
- 3. Use**
- 4. Key words**
- 5. Time frame**
- 6. Common expressions**
- 7. Present Perfect vs. Past Simple**
- 8. UK vs U.S. differences**
- 9. Common errors**
- 10. Vocabulary focus**

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REGULAR participles

I've rested a lot this week.

You've explained it well.

We've called them several times.

They've finished the report already.

He's always **depended** on it.

She's **needed** it recently.

It's **worked** until now.

FORM

Present Perfect

subject + **have/has** (auxiliary) + **past participle** (main verb)

IRREGULAR participles

I've come early a lot this week.

You've taken it well.

We've written them several times.

They've done the report already.

He's always **known** it.

She's chosen it recently.

It's run well until now.

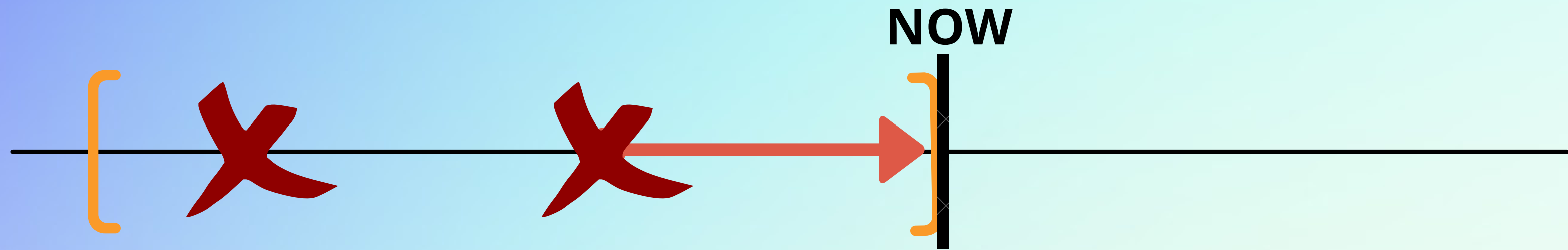
USE

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Experience

This year he **has been** to Munich twice.

I **have seen** that movie already.

Change

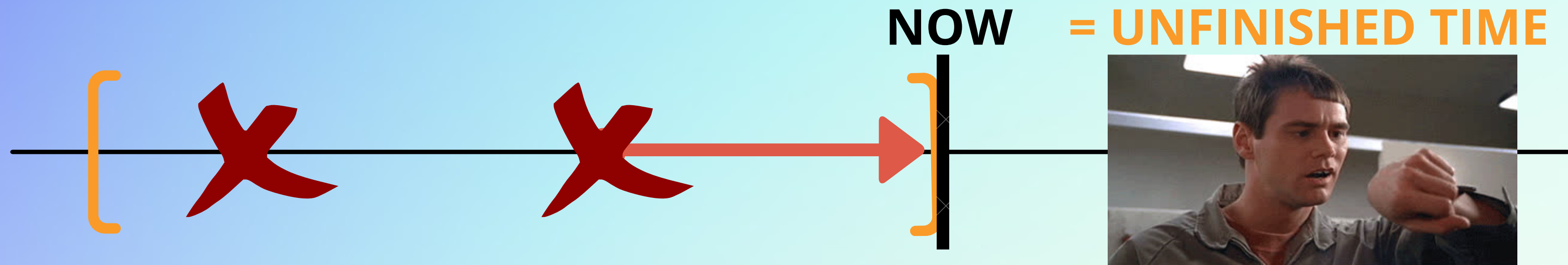
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Experience

Present Perfect

1) **Experience**: things that happened in the past without saying when
(only interested in 'yes' or 'no', or how many/much)

Have you ever been to Colorado? = Has estado en Colorado alguna vez? /
Conoces Colorado?

I've never been there. = Nunca he estado allí. /
No conozco Colorado.

She's been there several times.. = Ella ha estado allí varias veces.

USE

Change

Present Perfect

2) **Change**: actions that still have an immediate affect on the present. (differences between British and American English)

The president has resigned. = El presidente ha dimitido.

There has been an earthquake Chile. = Chile ha habido un terremoto.

I have lost my keys. = He perdido mis llaves.

USE

Present Perfect

Continuing
situations

3) **Continuing Situations:** things that started in the past and continue in the present

He has been my friend for years. = El es mi amigo desde hace años.

You've been really helpful today. = Has sido de gran ayuda hoy.

They've been married since June. = Llevan casados desde junio.

KEY WORDS

Present Perfect

Time expressions for **UNFINISHED** time (Past->Present):

It's the first time (Es la primera vez que...)

ever/never (alguna vez/ nunca)

already (ya)

lately (últimamente)

since (desde)

this week/month/year (esta semana...)

in the last several days (en los últimos días)

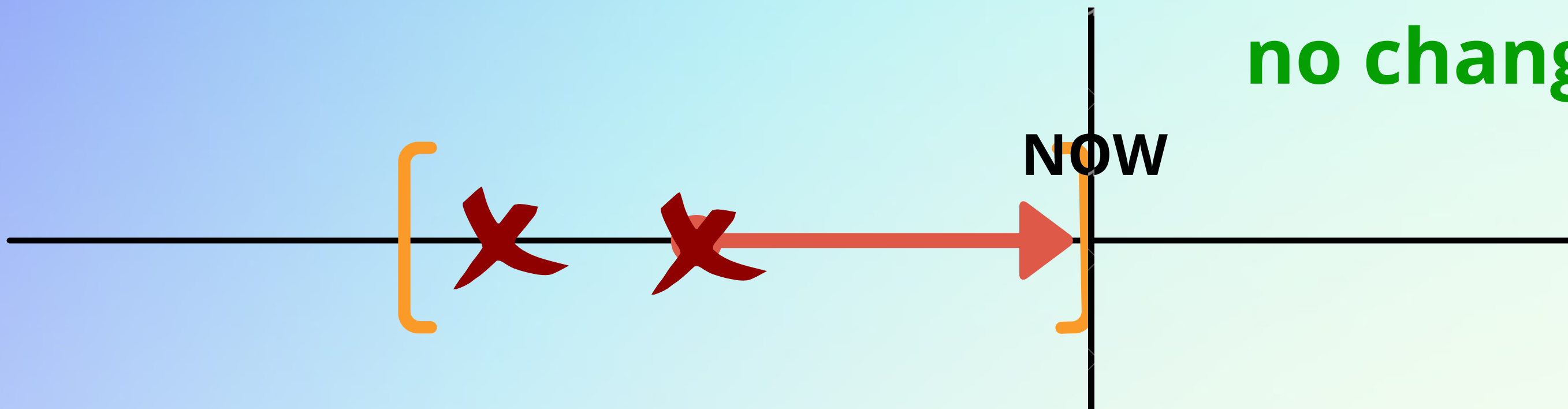
in my life (en mi vida)

so far (hasta ahora)

TIME FRAME

Present Perfect

so far = up to this point
no change



until now = from this point
a change

COMMON EXPRESSIONS

Present Perfect

Have you ever...?

= Has 'hecho' alguna vez

Since forever

= desde siempre

So far so good.

= hasta ahora bien

I have been to

= he estado allí / Conozco

This is the first time I've ...

= es la primera vez que lo hago

EXERCISE TIME!

Present Perfect

GRAMMAR
HAMMER
TIME!



EXERCISE TIME!

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POLL TIME

Present Perfect

EXERCISE 1: How would you translate these questions?
Note: more than one answer can be correct!

1. Ella ha estado en China.
 - a) She have been to China.
 - b) She knows China.
 - c) She has been to China.
 - d) She been to China.

POLL TIME

Present Perfect

EXERCISE 1: How would you translate these questions?
Note: more than one answer can be correct!

2. El cliente ha llegado.
- a) The client have arrived.
 - b) The client has arrived.**
 - c) The customer have arrived.
 - d) The client has arrive.

POLL TIME

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3. Ellos llevan aquí desde las dos.
- a) They been here since 2 o'clock.
 - b) They has been here since 2 o'clock.
 - c) They have been here since 2 o'clock.
 - d) None of the above.

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4. Hasta ahora, solo han perdido tres partidos.
- a) Until today, they have only lost three games.
 - b) Until now, they lose three matches.
 - c) So far, they have lost three games.
 - d) So far, they have only lost three games.

POLL TIME

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5. Últimamente, ha perdido muchas clases. (él)
- a) Lately, he is missing classes.
 - b) Recently, he has missed a lot of classes.
 - c) Lately, he has missed a lot of classes.
 - d) Lately, he have missed a lot of classes.

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6. ¡Este es la mejor tarta que he probado nunca!
- a) This is the best cake I have ever tasted.
 - b) This is the best cake I never have tasted.
 - c) This is the major cake I have ever tasted.
 - d) This is the best cake I have ever tried.

EXERCISES

Present Perfect

EXERCISE 2: Conjugate the form of the present perfect with the verb indicated:

Conjuga la forma del presente perfecto con el verbo indicado.

- 1.(be)** She ___ ___ to China. (*Experience*)
- 2.(arrive)** The client ___ just _____. (*Change*)
- 3.(be)** They ___ ___ here since 2 o'clock. (*Continuation*)
- 4.(lose)** So far, they ___ only ___ three games. (*Experience*)
- 5.(miss)** Recently/lately, you ___ _____ a lot of classes. (*Experience*)
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EXERCISES

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drown **be** **meet** **love** **live** **write** **lose** **catch**

1. We know not what is good until we **have** _____ it. –
2. Wine **has** _____ more men than the sea. –
3. Don't sell the bear's skin before you **have** _____ the bear. –
4. Life is what you make of it. Always **has** _____, always will be. –
5. I am a part of all that I **have** _____. –
6. She who **has** never _____ **has** never _____. –
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3. Don't sell the bear's skin before you **have caught** the bear. – **unknown**
4. Life is what you make of it. Always **has been**, always will be. – **unknown**
5. I am a part of all that I **have met**. – **Alfred Tennyson**
6. She who **has** never **loved has** never **lived**. – **John Gay**
7. Isn't it strange that I who **have written** only unpopular books should be such a popular fellow? – **Albert. Einstein**

MORE EXERCISES

Past Simple vs Present Perfect

EXERCISE 4: Find and correct the mistakes with the Present Perfect form.

(Encuentra y corrige los errores con la forma Present Perfect.)

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2. She been in Italy before.

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3. My colleague have left already.

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7. I have receive a lot of emails since Monday.

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Present Perfect

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Past Simple vs Present Perfect

FORM

NOW



Last year **he went** to Munich once.

Yesterday **she worked** late.

It ran well the first time we used it.

This morning **we spoke** with him.

In 2018 **they gave** more money.

I went there many years ago.

You made a good decision then.

This year he **has been** to Munich twice.

This week **she has worked** late.

It has run well since we started using it..

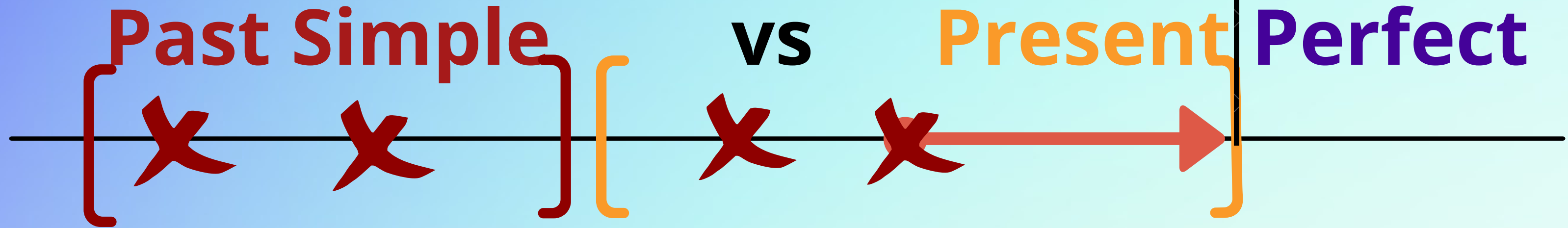
We have spoken with him already.

They have given more money so far.

I have been there before.

You have made good decisions lately.

TIME FRAME ^{NOW}



Past Simple

=

WHEN EXACTLY?

Present Perfect

=

EVER?

RECENTLY?

HOW MUCH/MANY?

KEY WORDS

Past Simple

vs

Present Perfect

FINISHED time in the past

yesterday

3 days ago

in 2003

in December

when I was young

last week, month, summer

when she arrived

UNFINISHED time (Past-Present)

ever/never

already

lately

since

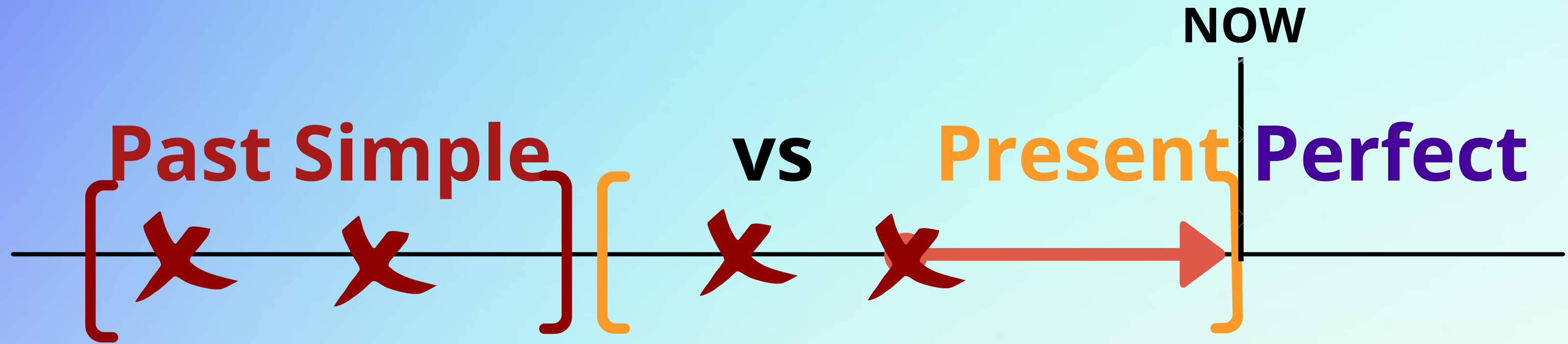
this week/month/year

in the last several days

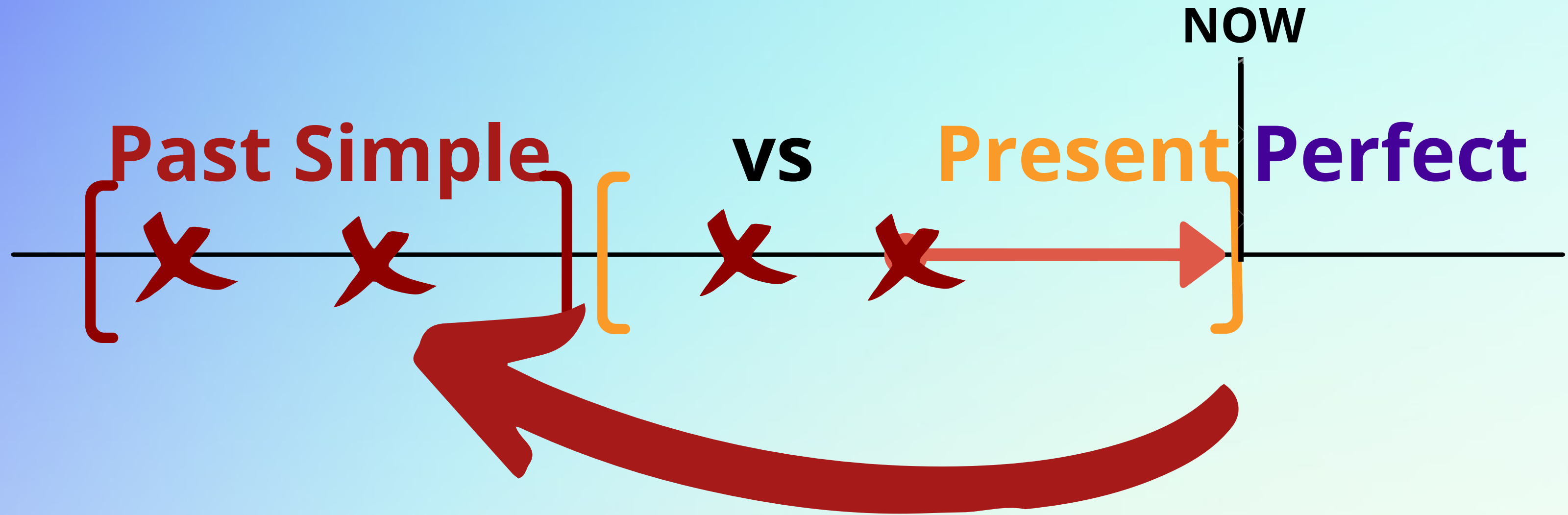
in my life

So far

TIME FRAME

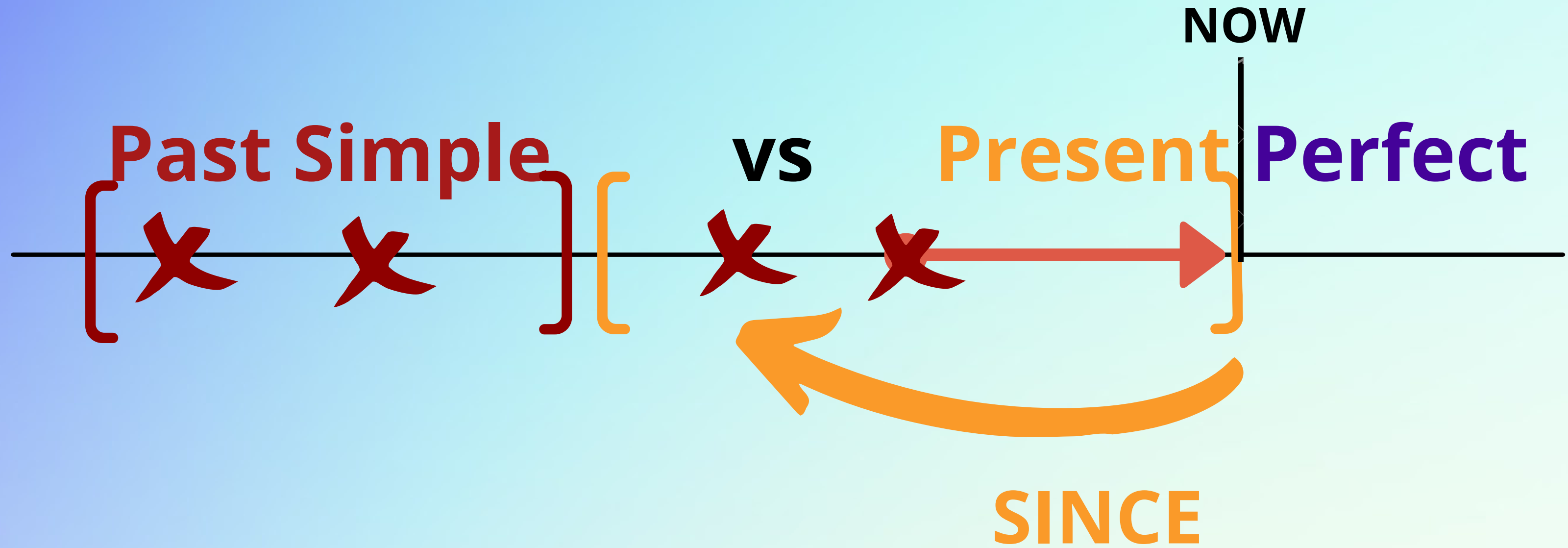


TIME FRAME



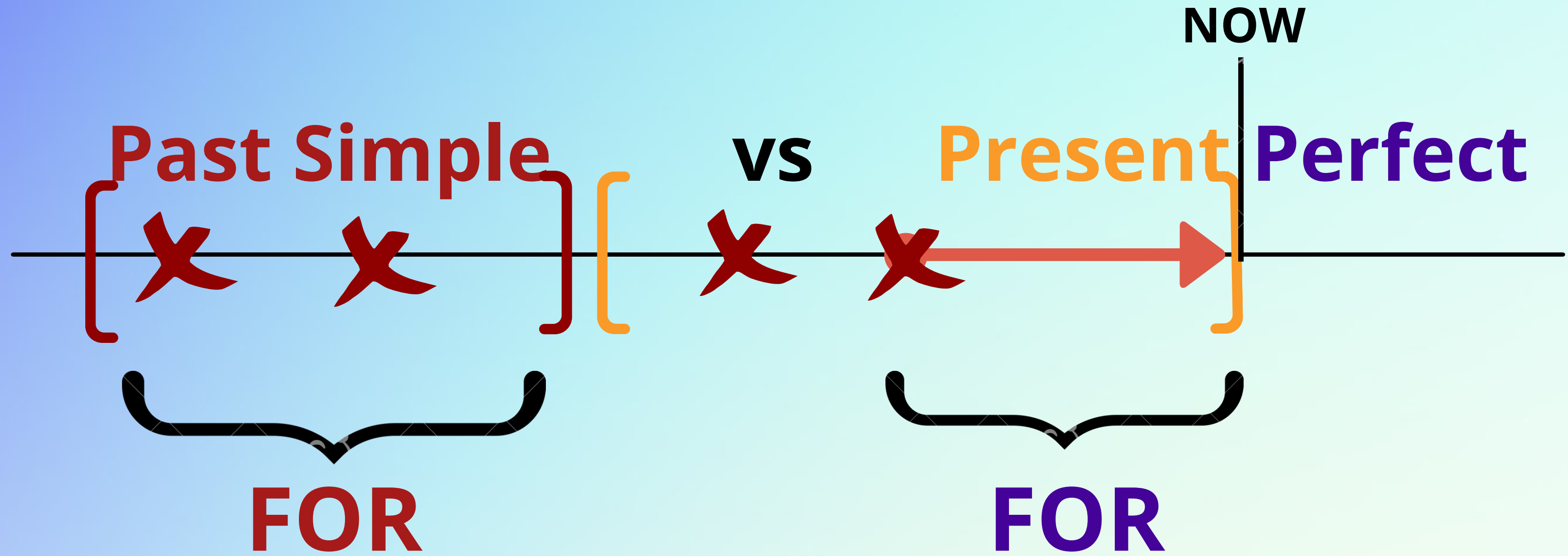
5 years; 3 days; 2 minutes
AGO

TIME FRAME



2003; January; Tuesday

TIME FRAME



6 years; 2 months; a long time

KEY VERB CHANGES

Past Simple vs Present Perfect

was /were

ate

came

knew

make

did

drank

fell

have/has been

have/has eaten

have/has come

have/has known

have/has made

have/has done

have/has drunk

have/has fallen

UK vs. US DIFFERENCES

Past Simple

vs

Present Perfect

When the action is more recent,
Americans use the Present Perfect less than British.

AMERICAN

BRITISH

Terry feels sick. He **ate** too much.

Terry feels ill. He's **eaten** too much.

Q: Do you know where Anne is?

A: Yeah, just **saw** her.

Q: Do you know where Anne is?

A: Yeah, I've just **seen** her.

UK vs. US DIFFERENCES

Past Simple vs Present Perfect

OTHER EXAMPLES:

AMERICAN

Did you **read** the report?

I just **saw** that movie.

We **finished**. You can bring dessert.

Jarrood just **left**!

I **lost** my keys.

BRITISH

Have you **read** the report?

I've just **seen** that film.

I've **finished**. You can bring dessert.

Jarrood's just **left**!

I've lost my **keys**!

COMMON ERRORS & CONFUSION !!



BE CAREFUL!!!

Tricky things with the Present Perfect

I just got back from Zaragoza. It has been a very crazy week.

I've only spent 2 hours in Orense.

BE CAREFUL!!!

Tricky things with the Present Perfect

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(Monday AFTER Semana Santa!!)

I've only spent 2 hours in Orense.

(Wednesday AFTER Semana Santa!!)

BE CAREFUL!!!

Tricky things with the Present Perfect



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(Monday AFTER Semana Santa!!)

I just got back from Zaragoza. It **WAS** a very crazy week.



I've ~~only~~ spent 2 hours in Orense.

(Wednesday AFTER Semana Santa!!)

I ONLY SPENT 2 hours in Orense.

BE CAREFUL!!!

Tricky things with the Present Perfect

I have had a good time this weekend (it's Monday!)

I have been married since 10 years ago.

BE CAREFUL!!!

Tricky things with the Present Perfect

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I **HAD** a good time this weekend (it's Monday!)



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BE CAREFUL!!!

Tricky things with the Present Perfect

I have had a good time this weekend (it's Monday!)  I **HAD** a good time this weekend (it's Monday!)



I have been married since 10 years ago.



I **have been** married **FOR** 10 years.

I **have been** married **SINCE** 2011.

I **GOT** married 10 years **AGO**.

BE CAREFUL!!!

Tricky things with the Present Perfect

I know him for 15 years.

I have drink one coffee an hour ago.

It has been hot when we went to the beach.

BE CAREFUL!!!

Tricky things with the Present Perfect

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I **have known** him for 15 years.

I ha  nk one coffee an hour ago.

I **drank** a coffee an hour ago.

It h  en hot when we went to the beach.

It **was** hot when we **went** to the beach.

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Since we have seen lots of examples, and I have explained all the theory, are you ready for some more practice?

EXERCISE TIME!

Past Simple vs **Present Perfect**

**GRAMMAR
HAMMER
TIME!**



EXERCISE TIME!

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POLL TIME!

Past Simple vs Present Perfect

EXERCISE 5: Choose between the Past Simple and the Present Perfect form:
(Elija entre la forma Past Simple y Present Perfect)

1. It **was / has been** six years since I **last saw / have last seen** him
2. Phillip **worked / has worked** in the company from 2005 until 2012.
3. I **spent / have spent** August lying on a beach in Cadiz. Now I'm enjoying the January in the rain!
4. Paloma **made / has made** some really tasty carrot cake last night.
5. He **told / has told** her, but it was supposed to be a surprise.

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EXERCISES

Past Simple vs Present Perfect

EXERCISE 6: Translate the following sentences. (Traduce las siguientes frases)

1. He dormido muy mal esta noche. 1.
2. No sé lo que ha dicho (el). 2.
3. Han llegado tarde esta mañana. 3.
4. Nunca han llegado tarde. 4.
5. Han rechazado nuestro plan. 5.

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1. I **slept** very badly **last night**.
2. I **don't** know what he **said**.
3. They **arrived** late **this morning**.
4. They **have never** arrived late.
5. They **rejected** / **have rejected** our offer.

EXERCISES

Past Simple vs Present Perfect

EXERCISE 6: Translate the following sentences. (Traduce las siguientes frases)

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|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 6. He tomado mucho café hoy. | 6. |
| 7. Ella ha comprado tres. (ayer) | 7. |
| 8. El ha venido allí antes hoy. | 8. |
| 9. Has hecho muchas preguntas hoy. | 9. |
| 10. Me gusta como lo ha hecho. (él) | 10. |

EXERCISES

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7. Ella ha comprado tres. (ayer)
8. El a venido aqui antes hoy.
9. Has hecho muchas preguntas hoy.
10. Me gusta como lo ha hecho. (él)

6. I **have had** a lot of coffee **today**.
7. She **bought** three **yesterday**.
8. He **came** here **earlier today**.
9. You've **asked** a lot of questions **today**.
10. I like how he **did** it.

EXERCISES

Present Perfect

EXERCISE 7: Match the following song lyrics. (Combina la siguiente letra de canciones)

1. I've been...
 2. I've heard...
 3. This is the strangest life...
 4. All I know since yesterday is...
 5. All the hate that you've heard...
 6. And just like them old stars I see...
 7. You've turned my whole world...
 8. You'll go higher than they've...
 9. You've got...
- a. everything has changed. -
 - b. has turned your spirit to a dove. -
 - c. upside down. -
 - d. a friend. -
 - e. it all before. -
 - f. I have ever known. -
 - g. that you've come so far. -
 - h. ever gone. -
 - i. everywhere man. -

EXERCISES

Present Perfect

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1. I've been...everywhere man.(i) - **Johnny Cash (I've been everywhere)**
2. I've heard it all before. I've... listened to all your lies.(e) - **Madonna (Sorry)**
3. This is the strangest life... I have ever known.(f) - **Jim Morrison (Waiting for the sun)**
4. All I know since yesterday is...everything has changed.(a) - **Taylor Swift (Everything has changed)**
5. All the hate that you've heard...has turned your spirit to a dove.(b) - **Imagine Dragons (Believer)**
6. And just like them old stars I see...that you've come so far.(g) - **Jason Mraz (I won't give up)**
7. You've turned my whole world...upside down.(c) - **Eric Clapton (Layla)**
8. You'll go higher than they've...ever gone.(h) - **Coldplay (Someone special)**
9. You've got...a friend.(d) - **James Taylor (You've got a friend)**

LET'S TALK...



...about searching

LET'S TALK...

Searching

VO CABULARY:

honey lips – labios de miel

fields – campos

walls – paredes

city walls – murallas

healing – curación

fingertips – yemas de los dedos

fire – fuego

warm – calentito

tongue – lengua / idioma

devil – diablo

burning desire – deseo ardiente

stone – piedra

shelter – refugio

storm – tormenta

kingdom come – venga tu reino

bonds – lazos ???

chains – cadenas

cross – cruz

shame – verguenza

LET'S TALK...

Searching

VERBS:

to climb mountains – subir/escalar montañas

to run through – correr por

to crawl – gatear

to scale – escalar

to kiss – besar

to find – encontrar

to feel – sentir

to burn – quemar / arder

to hold – sujetar

to lift – levantar

to pick up – cojer

to fall – caerse

to bleed – sangrar

to loose (loosen) – soltar / aflojar

to carry – llevar

LET'S LISTEN...

Searching

I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For
by U2

PART 1

LET'S LISTEN...

PART 1

Searching

EXERCISE 8 Listen and fill in the blanks with the missing words.

I have _____ highest mountains

I have _____ the fields

Only to be with you

Only to be with you

I have _____

I have _____

I have _____ these city walls

these city walls

Only to be with you

LET'S LISTEN...

PART 1

Searching

EXERCISE 8 Listen and fill in the blanks with the missing words.

I have climbed highest mountains

I have run through the fields

Only to be with you

Only to be with you

I have run

I have crawled

I have scaled these city walls

These city walls

Only to be with you

LET'S LISTEN...

PART 2

Searching

EXERCISE 8 Listen and fill in the blanks with the missing words.

I have _____ honey _____

_____the healing in her _____

It _____ like fire

This burning _____

I have _____ with the _____ of angels

I have _____ the hand of a _____

It was _____ in the night

I was cold as a _____

LET'S LISTEN...

PART 2

Searching

EXERCISE 8 Listen and fill in the blanks with the missing words.

I have kissed honey lips
Felt the healing in her fingertips
It burned like fire
This burning desire

I have spoke with the tongue of angels
I have held the hand of a devil
It was warm in the night
I was cold as a stone

LET'S LISTEN...

PART 3

Searching

EXERCISE 8 Listen and fill in the blanks with the missing words.

He will ___you higher and higher
He will ___you up when you ___
He'll be the _____ from the storm
I believe in the _____come
Then all the colors will _____into one
Bleed into one
But yes I'm still running

You broke the _____
And you loosed the _____
Carried the _____
Of my _____
Oh my _____
You know I believe it

LET'S LISTEN...

PART 3

Searching

EXERCISE 8 Listen and fill in the blanks with the missing words.

He will lift you higher and higher
He will pick you up when you fall
He'll be the shelter from the storm
I believe in the kingdom come
Then all the colors will bleed into one
Bleed into one
But yes I'm still running

You broke the bonds
And you loosed the chains
Carried the cross
Of my shame
Oh my shame
You know I believe it

Q&A Sesión

Dedicate time

Work hard

Practice

Focus

Have

Dedicate time

Work hard

Practice

Focus

Have



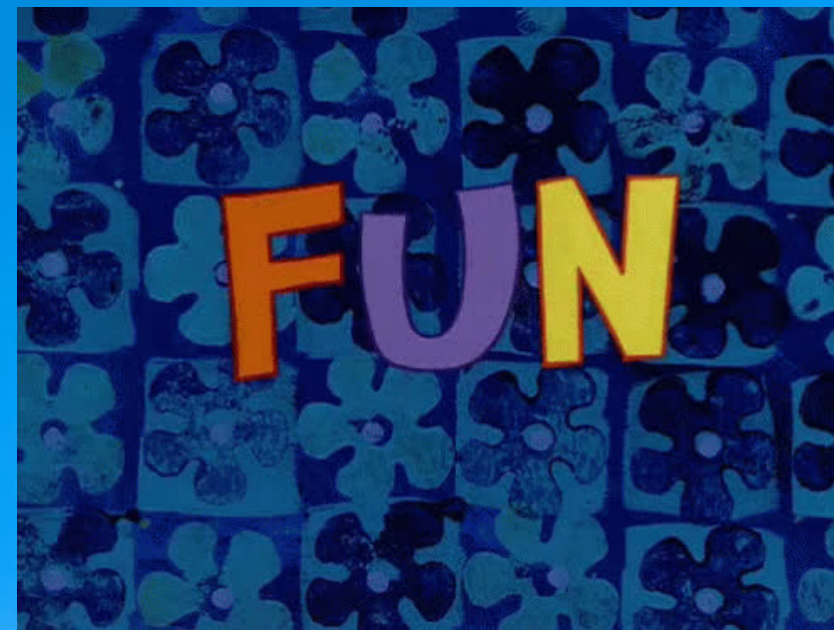
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Work hard

Practice

Focus

Have



*Thank
you!*

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