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| Present simple               | She works in a bank  
I have lunch at 1.00pm  
The train leaves at 15:46 | Fact  
Habit  
Timetabled future |
| Present continuous           | We're looking at tenses  
I'm studying at Bournemouth University  
Temperatures are rising  
I'm meeting the boss tomorrow | Happening right now  
For a temporary period  
Long term changes  
Future arrangement |
| Past simple                  | I worked in Sweden in 1987  
I watched TV last night  
We went by train (in response to question) | Completed action in past (time stated or understood) |
| Past continuous              | I was having a bath when the phone rang.  
The birds were singing and the sun was shining  
I was going to tell you. | Interrupted action in past  
Describing circumstances  
Future plan in past (usually not realised) |
| Present perfect simple       | I've seen that film  
You've made a mistake  
I've worked here for 6 years | General experience  
Past action present result  
Achievement |
| Present perfect continuous   | The phone's been ringing all day  
I've been working on the assignment | Repeated activity  
Emphasis on activity not result |
| Past perfect simple          | When I arrived he'd already left | 2 actions; one before the other |
| Past perfect continuous      | I'd been sleeping before he arrived | Past activity before past action |
| Will                         | I'll see you tomorrow  
You'll meet a tall dark stranger  
OK I'll come with you | Certain future  
Prediction  
Spontaneous decision |
| Going to                     | I'm going to see her tomorrow  
It's going to rain | Planned future  
Prediction (from present evidence) |
| Future continuous            | I'll be working in the lab tomorrow | Action in progress at a future time |
| Future perfect               | I'll have gone home by 6:00pm | Action completed before future time |
| Future perfect continuous    | I'll have been working here for 40 years when I retire | Activity completed before a given time in the future |