

TALKING ABOUT THE PAST

PAST SIMPLE

COMPLETED ACTIONS

PAST HABITS OR STATES

SERIES OF EVENTS

My students **recorded** two songs last weekend.

We often **went** to ball parks with the kids before covid.

First we **recorded** the drums, then we **moved on** to the bass, we **had** a break and we **did** the guitars.

PAST CONTINUOUS

IN PROGRESS @ A SPECIFIC TIME

2 OR MORE IN PROGRESS SIMULTANEOUSLY

LONGER ACTION INTERRUPTED

SET THE SCENE (STORY)

Last Sunday at 10 o'clock, my son **was playing** the drums.

While Lucía **was recording**, my children **were playing** outside.

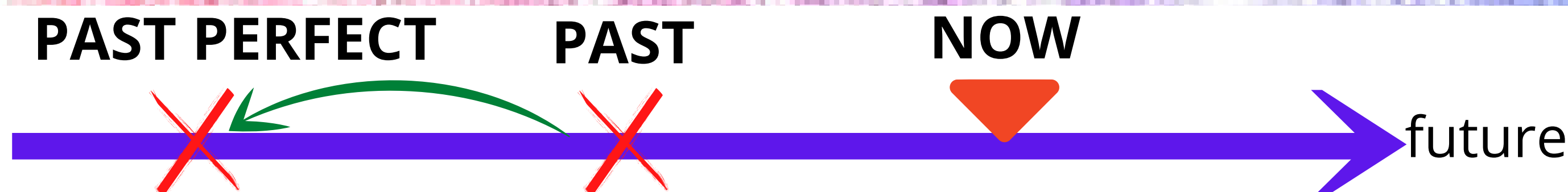
We **were waiting** outside when the pizza guy **arrived**.

Last night my hubby **was watching** Vikings, I **was reading** and the kids **were sleeping**. Suddenly, ...

PAST PERFECT

EARLIER PAST

When we got to the studio, Pepe **had already set** everything up. (First he prepared everything, and then we arrived).



PAST SIMPLE, PAST CONTINUOUS & PAST PERFECT

SERIES OF EVENTS

SET THE SCENE / STORY SETTING

It was a lovely morning, the birds **were singing**, the sun **was shining** and the light **was coming** through the window into my bedroom. I **opened** my eyes and **decided** to go downstairs to have breakfast. While I **was making** my coffee and toast, my husband **was snoring** upstairs and my monkeys **were sleeping** too, they all sleep like a log! I guess I'm an early bird, too...

SERIES OF EVENTS

So I **had** my breakfast and then **did** some chores around the house. When my husband and the kids **got** up, I **had already done** the washing up, **mopped** the floor, **cleaned** the windows and **made** lunch.

EARLIER PAST

Once they **had** all **had** breakfast, we **got** dressed, grabbed some snacks and **headed** to the music studio. When we **were driving** to the studio, it **started** to rain, but we didn't care, we knew we would have the best family Saturday ever.

ACTION THAT INTERRUPTS

LONGER ACTION INTERRUPTED