

TIME EXPRESSIONS ACTIVE VOICE

On this chart you will find the time expressions generally used with the verb tenses listed below. When you use these expressions, either orally or in writing, make sure you select the appropriate verb tense.

SIMPLE PRESENT *write *writes	PRESENT PROGRESSIVE *am, are, is writing	SIMPLE PAST *wrote	SIMPLE FUTURE *will write *am, are, is + going to write	PRESENT PERFECT *have/has written	PRESENT PERF. PROGRESSIVE *have/has been writing
every _____ day Monday week month etc. on _____ Mondays weekends etc. always usually often generally sometimes occasionally once in a while rarely seldom hardly ever never	now at this moment for the moment currently at the present temporarily this _____ week semester month etc. today	yesterday last _____ night week month etc. the last time the first time _____ ago a day two weeks etc. earlier _____ today this week etc.	tomorrow tonight next _____ week month year etc. the next time in _____ a few days ten minutes a month etc.	_____ times many a couple of several since* _____ last _____ yesterday 1983 <small>*If since introduces a time clause, the verb in the time clause will be simple past.</small>	all _____ long day morning week since _____ 3 o'clock yesterday etc. for the last/past _____ two days three hours, etc. for _____ ten days two hours, etc.
PAST PROGRESSIVE *was/were + -ing Used with when to express past activity <u>in progress</u> , interrupted by a non-continuous activity: <u>I was writing when you called.</u> Used with while to express two continuous activities occurring at the same time in past: <u>I was reading while you were writing.</u>					
PAST PERFECT *had + past participle Used with by the time to express two activities in the past, one occurring <u>before</u> the other. First activity: past perfect/second activity: simple past. Can also be used with when . By the time / When we arrived, he had already left.					