

PAST SIMPLE

Aff: He left his bag here (**leave**)

Neg: He anything (**say**)

Interrogative: he your birthday? (**forget**)

Adverbs:

Last...	In the past,...	When	That day
Yesterday	Ago	During	

Used for complete and specific past actions

I saw him when he was running

When did you arrive?

She started two minutes ago

PRESENT PERFECT

Aff: He this morning (**leave**)

Neg: He to anybody (**speak**)

Interrogative: he the plants this week? (**water**)

Adverbs	Recently	How long	This morning
For	Lately	In the past two days	Today
Yet	Since		

Used for unfinished actions

He has lived in NY most of his life

This example means:

- a. He is still living there
- b. He is not living there any more

Time is usually not specified

I've been here before

PAST CONTINUOUS

Aff: I saw he (**leave**)

Neg: He (**listen**)

Interrogative: he the paper? (**read**)

Adverbs

When. While.....

Used for incomplete and long past actions

I saw him when he was running

PAST PERFECT

Aff: He (leave)

Neg: He before (do)

Interrogative: he already.....that? (see)

Used for an action previous to a past action

When I arrived, the train had left