

INGLÉS VI

TALKING ABOUT THE PAST

a) Refers to an action continuous or in progress in the past, interrupted by another action	1. In my life I have read about 300 book, I think.
b) Refers to an action at a definite time in the past	2. Last night, I was cooking dinner when the gas ran out.
c) Refers to an action that started in the past and continuous in the present	3. I graduated from the BA in 1990, 34 years ago.
d) Refers to a routine action in the present	4. Currently, I am teaching at a Normal school.
e) Refers to a routine action in the past	5. When I was little, I used to have a milkshake when my mom picked me up from school.
f) Refers to an action in progress in the present	6. Nowadays, I always have strawberry milkshake when I want to remember my mom.

B. What time expressions are used when you refer to an action in progress?

C. What time expressions are used when you refer to a time in the past?

D. What time expressions are used when you refer to actions in the present?

E. Select the correct option for each sentence, use the context to decide.

1. Yesterday, I _____ (take) a shower when the phone _____ (ring).
2. This year, I _____ (eat) more hamburgers than I _____ (do) last year.
3. When I was a little kid, I _____ (play) in my house; Now, I usually _____ (stay) home to relax.
4. In my life I _____ (read) many books, but the one I _____ currently _____ (read) is the best in the last five years.
5. I _____ (study) for sixteen years to get a degree, from 1976 to 1990. After being PhD, I _____ (study) anything else in the last ten years.
6. I _____ (think) I would never get married but then I _____ (get) married and had children.

F. Use the correct time expression for each sentence. Use the context to decide.

In March 1998 last night Today for weeks since 1992 When I was living there

1. _____, I was getting ready for the new week when the lights went out.

2. _____ I have drunk so much soda that I think I'm going to gain weight.

3. _____ I climbed mount Tepozteco with a group of friends. It took us 3 hours because I was young, now I can't do that time.

4. I have seen many people with a toy chick on their hair _____ now, why is that happening?

5. I have been an English teacher _____. More than 30 years.

6. _____, I used to take the subway everywhere. Now I don't use it at all.

G. Write about things that have changed in your life in the past and present. Use the structures and time expressions that we reviewed here.