



**PAST PERFECT  
VERSUS  
PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS**



# PAST PERFECT

Had + V<sub>3</sub>

ed

V<sub>3</sub>

Use

one action happened  
before the other

**TIME EXPRESSIONS:** yesterday by \_ o'clock,  
by the time\_, till/until\_, since\_

# She had left when he arrived.

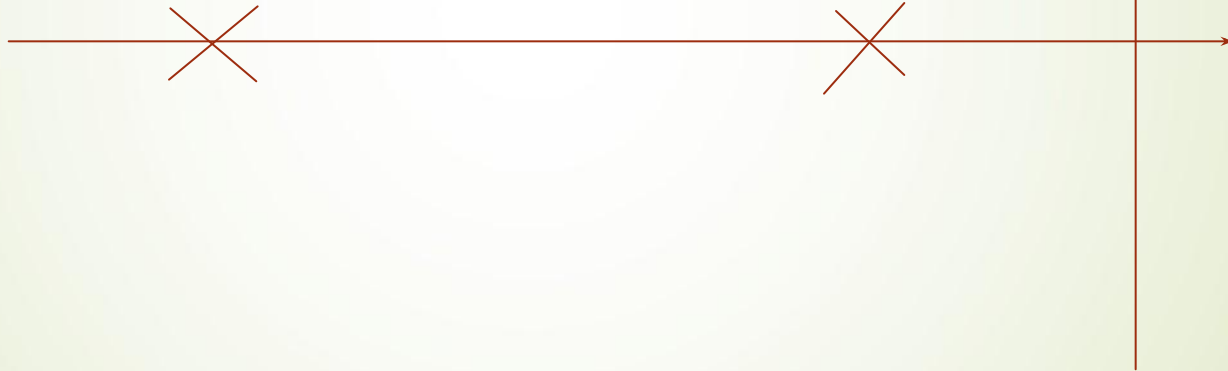
**Now**

**had left**

**Past Perfect**

**arrived**

**Past Simple**



# PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

**Had been**

**+**

**Ving**

**Use**

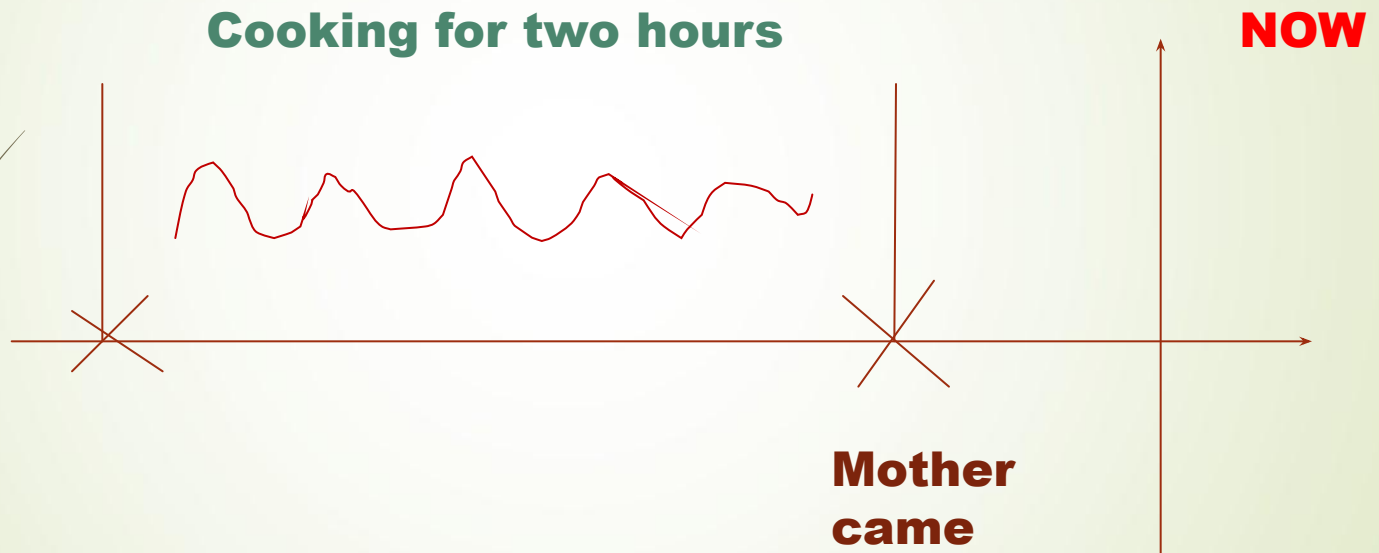
to describe a continuing action  
in a period of time before smth  
had happened

**TIME EXPRESSIONS:** **for 5 hours, since 6 o'clock, all morning, all day, all night long**

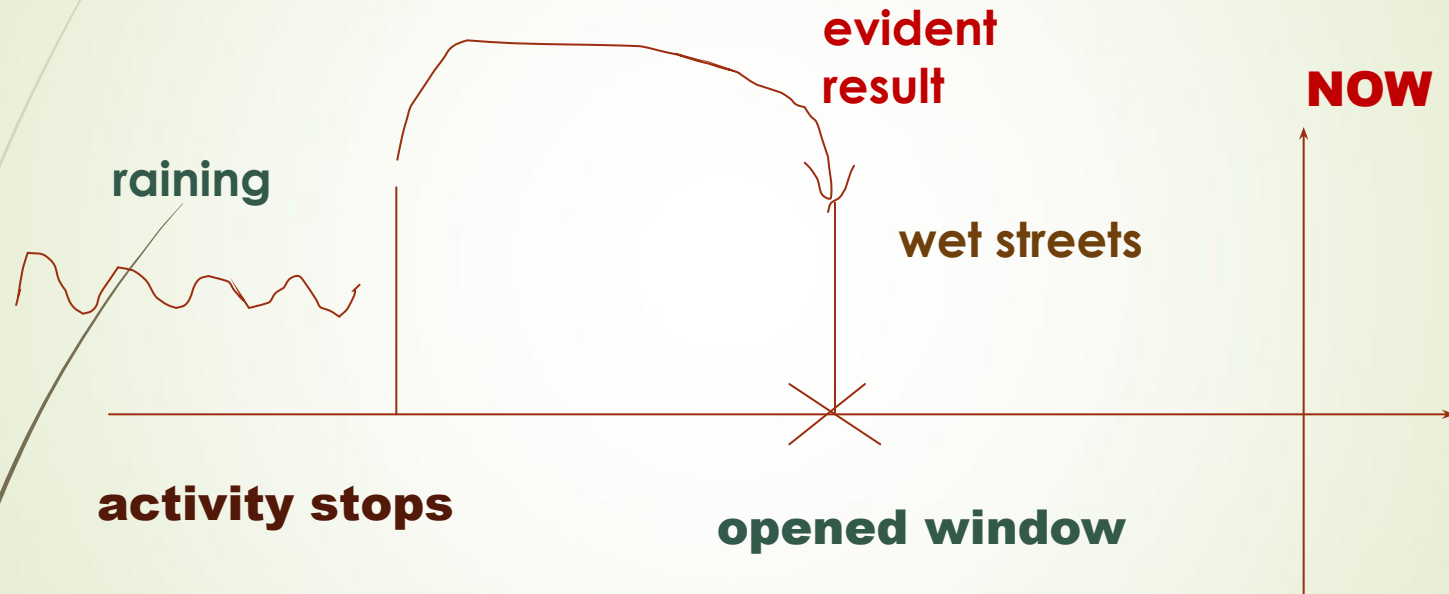


for	в течение
by	к какому-то времени/моменту
since	с тех пор как
before	перед тем как
when	когда
after	после того как

# They had been cooking for two hours when mother came



**I opened the window and  
saw the streets were wet. It  
had been raining.**



## Put the verbs into **Past Continuous** or **Past Perfect Continuous**.

1. Bob **(teach)** at the university for 5 years before he moved to Moscow.
2. By the time Bob moved to Moscow, Mary **(prepare)** apartment for a week.
3. Mary and Bob **(live)** together for 5 years when they finally bought a flat.
4. Tom was sitting on the chair, out of breath. He **(run)** for three hours.
5. Bob **(go)** to the same shop since he had moved to this apartment.
6. Bob couldn't take his flight because he **(forget)** his passport at home
7. Bob **(be)** in Moscow twice by the time he got a temporary residence.
8. I met Bob and Mary after they **(move)** in together.
9. The house **(belong)** to Mary's friend for 10 years before Mary bought it.
10. I failed my English exam because I **(not attend)** lessons.