

VERB TENSES
After Hans Reichenbach

E = event referred to; R = reference point; S = moment of speaking

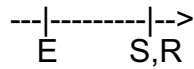
Simple

Perfect

Present

1. I see Jill (now).

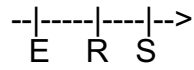
4. I have met John (already).



Past

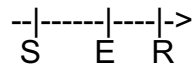
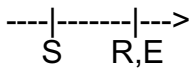
2. I saw Jill (yesterday).

5. I had met John (before then).



Future

3. I will see Jill (tomorrow). 6. I will have met John (by then).



Progressives

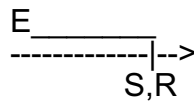
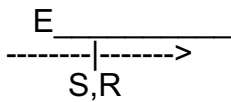
Simple

Perfect

Present

7. I am driving a Subaru.

10. I have been driving a Subaru.



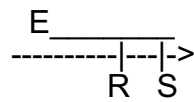
Present Progressive

Present Perfect Progressive

Past

8. I was driving a Subaru.

11. I had been driving a Subaru.

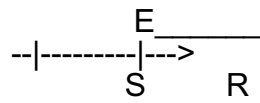
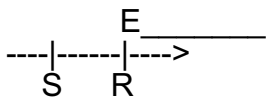


Past Progressive

Past Perfect Progressive

Future

9. I will be driving a Subaru. 12. I will have been driving a Subaru (for years by then).



Future Progressive

Future Perfect Progressive