

### Past progressive

Used to show that an action was ongoing in the past. Often used to describe the background of a story.

e.g.

I was writing a letter this morning.

### Present perfect

Used to show that something happened in the past that has a relationship with the present.

e.g.

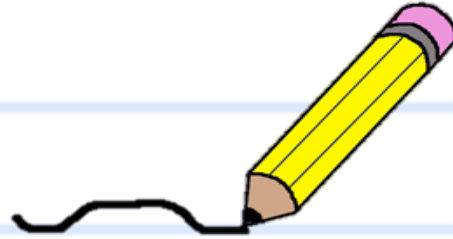
My teacher can't tell me off because I have written my letter.

### Past perfect

Used to make it clear that one event happened before another in the past.

e.g.

Before I went to school, I had written a letter to my pen pal.



### Present progressive

Used to show that something is currently happening.

e.g.

Right at this moment, I am writing a letter.

### Past perfect progressive

Used to show that an action started at one point in the past and continued until another point in the past.

e.g.

I had been writing a letter until my brother snatched my pen away from me.

### Present perfect progressive

Used to show that an action started in the past and is continuing up to the present moment.

e.g.

I have been writing a letter all morning.

Verb form	Example	How to form it
Past progressive	I <b>was writing</b> / they <b>were writing</b>	I <b>was</b> / he <b>was</b> / she <b>was</b> / you <b>were</b> / we <b>were</b> / they <b>were</b> + <b>present participle</b>
Present progressive	I <b>am writing</b> / he <b>is writing</b> / they <b>are writing</b>	I <b>am</b> / he <b>is</b> / she <b>is</b> / you <b>are</b> / we <b>are</b> / they <b>are</b> + <b>present participle</b>
Past perfect	I <b>had written</b>	I <b>had</b> / he <b>had</b> / she <b>had</b> / you <b>had</b> / we <b>had</b> / they <b>had</b> + <b>past participle</b>
Present perfect	I <b>have written</b> / he <b>has written</b>	I <b>have</b> / you <b>have</b> / we <b>have</b> / they <b>have</b> / he <b>has</b> / she <b>has</b> + <b>past participle</b>
Past perfect progressive	I <b>had been writing</b>	I <b>had</b> / we <b>had</b> / you <b>had</b> / they <b>had</b> / he <b>had</b> / she <b>had</b> + <b>been</b> + <b>present participle</b>
Present perfect progressive	I <b>have been writing</b> / he <b>has been writing</b>	I <b>have</b> / you <b>have</b> / we <b>have</b> / they <b>have</b> / he <b>has</b> / she <b>has</b> + <b>been</b> + <b>present participle</b>