

English tenses at a glance

While I was painting this picture it started to rain.



Past Progressive

Present Perfect Progressive



I have been painting my cat all day → till now

I'm painting my kitchen at the moment



Present Progressive



Future progressive

Tomorrow at noon they'll be playing golf.

earlier

NOW

later

My Uncle Bertie painted this picture in 1920



(Simple) Past

I paint houses every day



(simple) present



I'll never paint as well as Picasso!

will- future



After I had worked hard all day I fell asleep.

Past Perfect + Simple Past

I've painted hundreds of pictures.

→ till today/now



Present Perfect



I'm going to paint that clock tomorrow

Going to - future