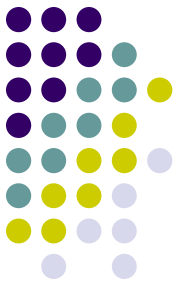


The Aspect

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The Simple Aspect

1. habitual actions

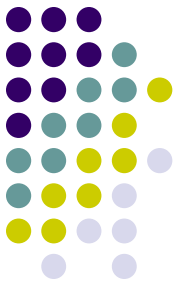
e.g. He **goes** to school every day.

He always **wore** a suit.

2. permanent action or state

e.g. She **has** red hair.

The Danube **flows** into the Black Sea.



The Simple Aspect

3. completed action

e.g. He **read** this article yesterday.

4. fact

e.g. She **will be** 20 next month.



The Continuous Aspect

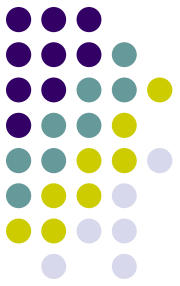
1. action in progress

e.g. I **am writing** an e-mail now.

I **was writing** an e-mail when the bell rang.

I **will be driving** to Bucharest bthis time tomorrow.

The Continuous Aspect



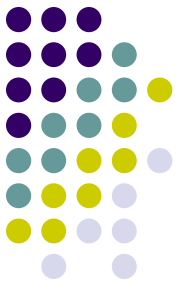
2. temporary action

e.g. He **is staying** with us this week.

He **was staying** with us when he lived in Iasi.

He **will be staying** with us when he comes to Iasi.

The Continuous Aspect



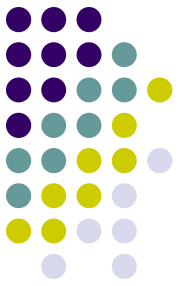
3. incomplete action

e.g. She **is writing** a book about time travel
(she hasn't finished it)

I **was writing** a report on the flight home.
(I didn't finish it)

Who **has been drinking** my coffee?
(there's some left)

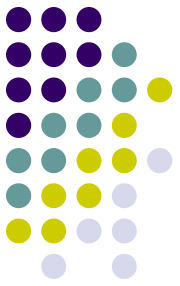
The Continuous Aspect



4. with verbs of momentary action (cut, hit, kick, knock) it points to a repeated action

e.g. He **was hitting** the poor dog.

The Perfect Aspect



1. event that relates two different times

e.g. I **have read** that book. (before now)

He **had** already **left** when I came.
(before then)

I **will have finished** my homework before
5 p.m. (before 5 p.m.)



The Perfect Aspect

Present Perfect relates **past** to **present**

Past Perfect relates **past** to **past**

Future Perfect relates **future** to **future**

2. time is not specified (indefinite time)

exception: **Past Perfect**

e.g. I **had met** him in 1992.