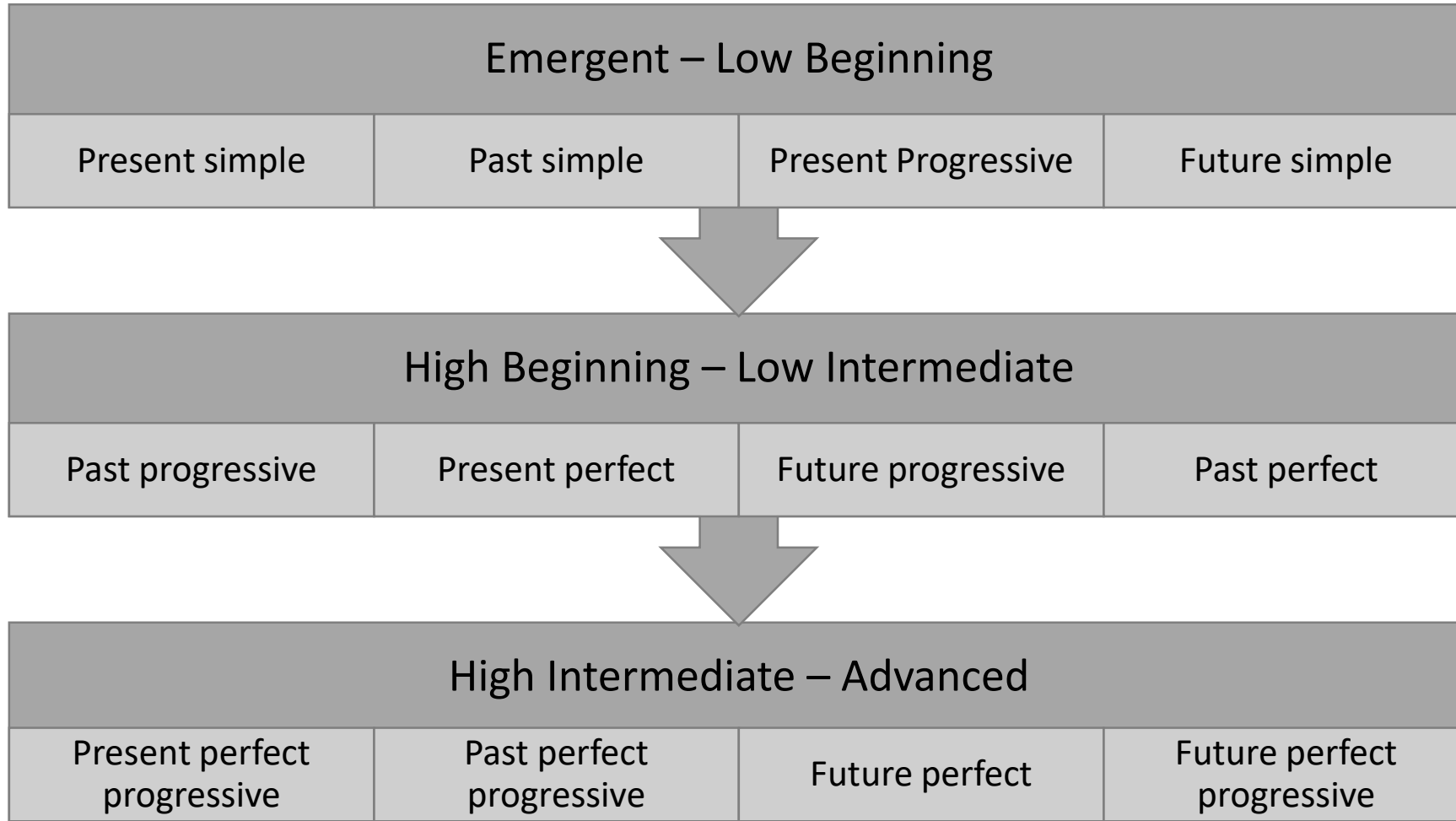


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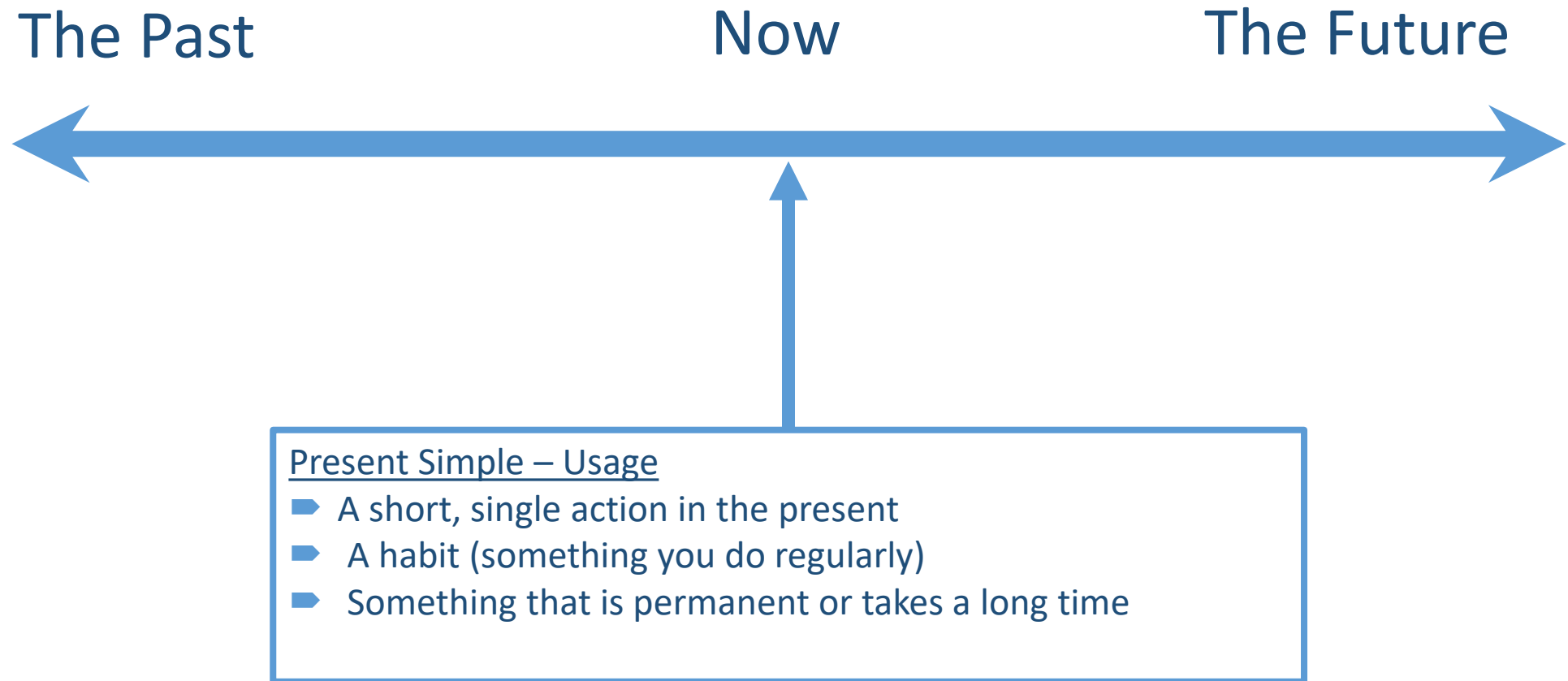
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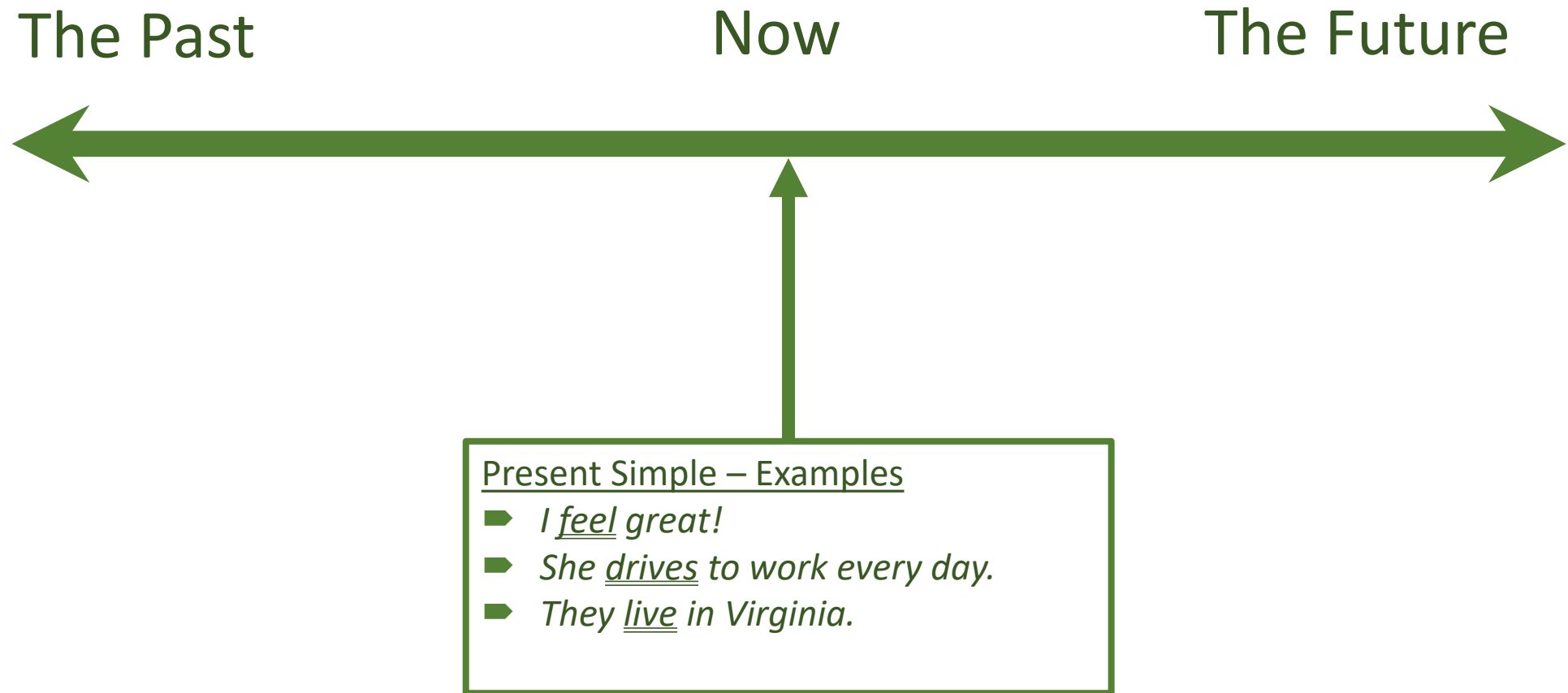
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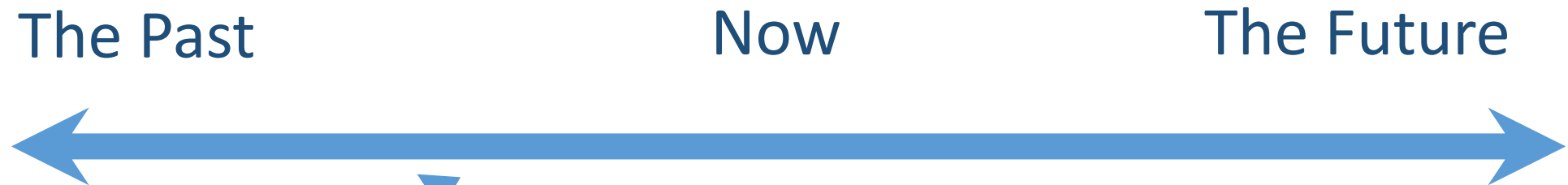
Present Simple – Usage



Present Simple -- Examples



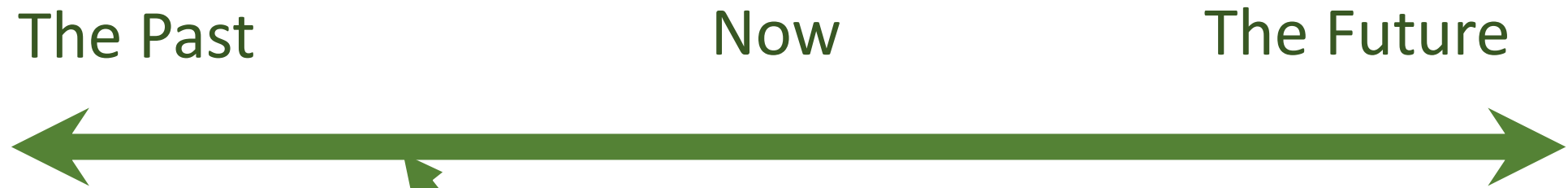
Past Simple – Usage



Past Simple – Usage

- A short, single action in the past
- A completed action
- A habit from the past (something you did regularly, but don't any more)
- An indefinite point in time in the past

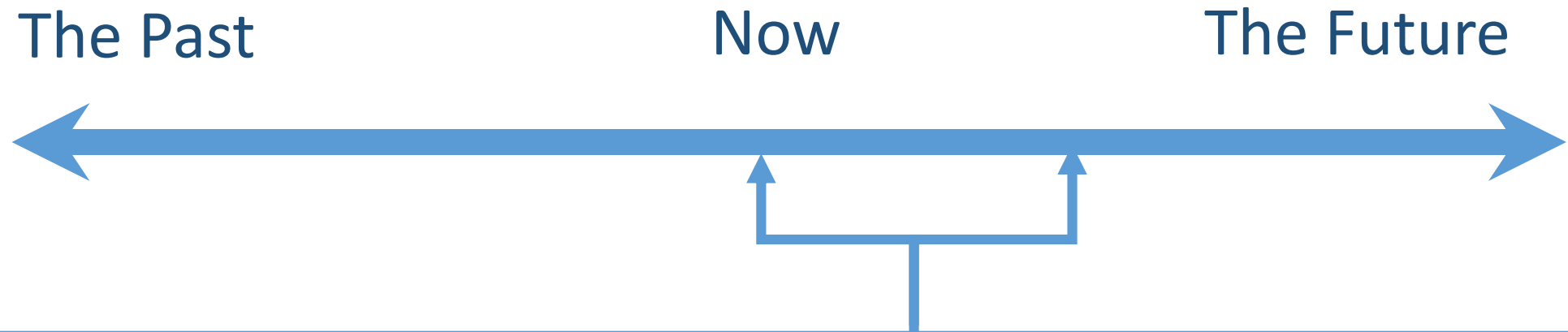
Past Simple – Examples



Past Simple – Examples

- *I went to the store.*
- *He read that book.*
- *She rode her bike every day when she was a child.*
- *People lived in caves a long time ago.*

Present Progressive – Usage



Present progressive – Usage

- An action that is ongoing at this moment
- An action that is going on during this period; a trend
- An event that is happening in the future that is already planned or prepared
- A temporary event or situation
- To describe or emphasize a series of repeated actions (usually with “always” or “constantly”)

Present Progressive – Examples



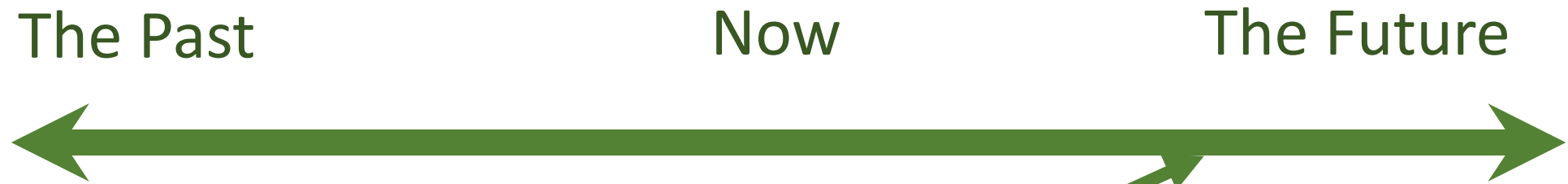
Future Simple – Usage



Future Simple – Usage

- Predict a future event
- Express willingness
- To give orders
- In question form, to give an invitation

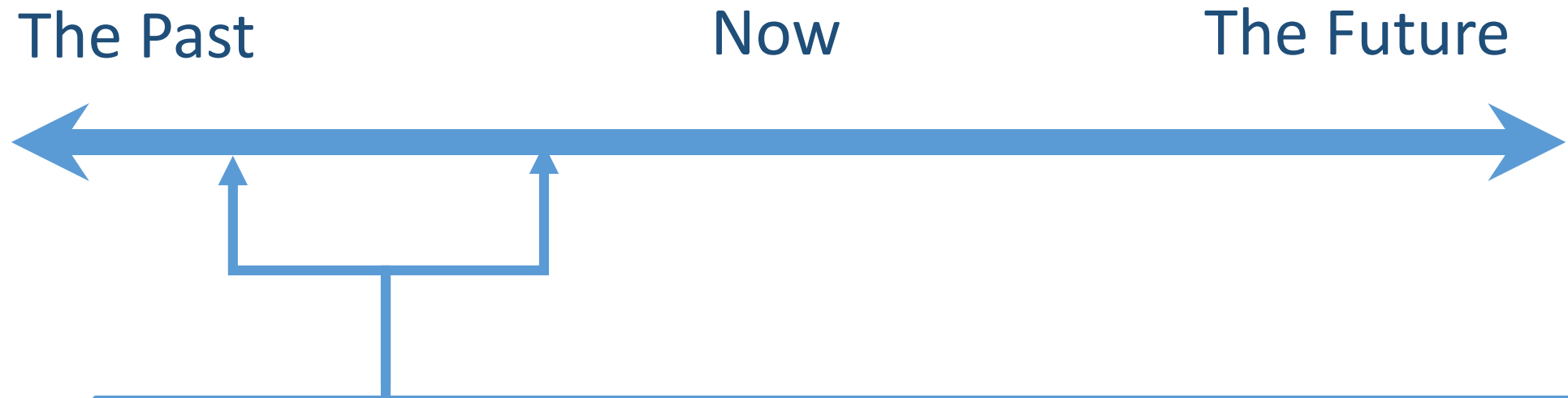
Future Simple – Examples



Future Simple – Examples

- *It will rain tomorrow.*
- *He'll carry the bags for you.*
- *You will do exactly as I say!*
- *Will you marry me?*

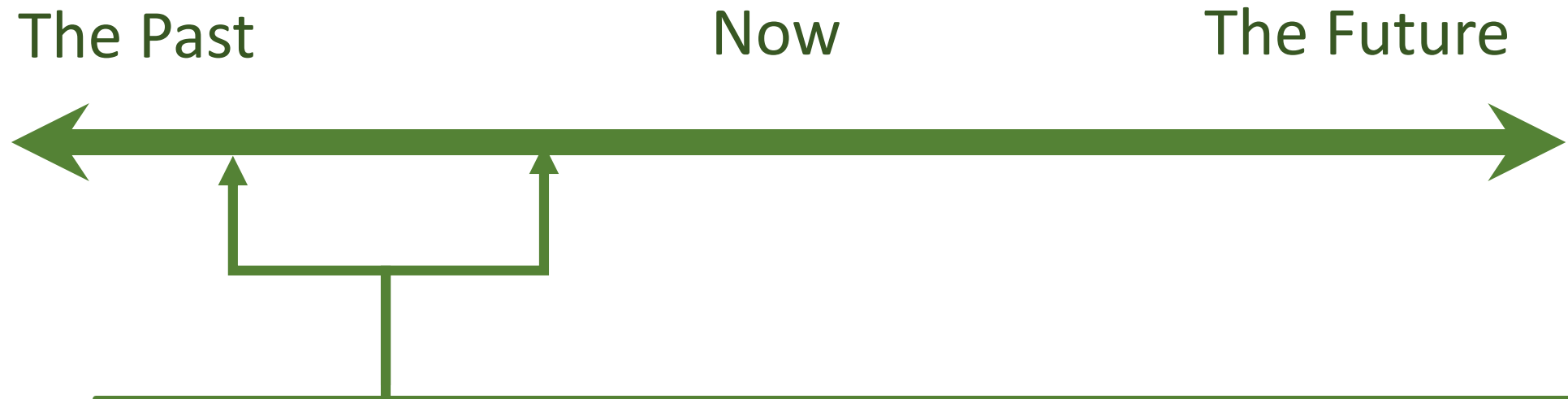
Past Progressive -- Usage



Past progressive – Usage

- A continuing action or state that was happening at some point in the past
- Something that was happening continuously in the past when another action interrupted it
- It can also refer to a habitual action in the past

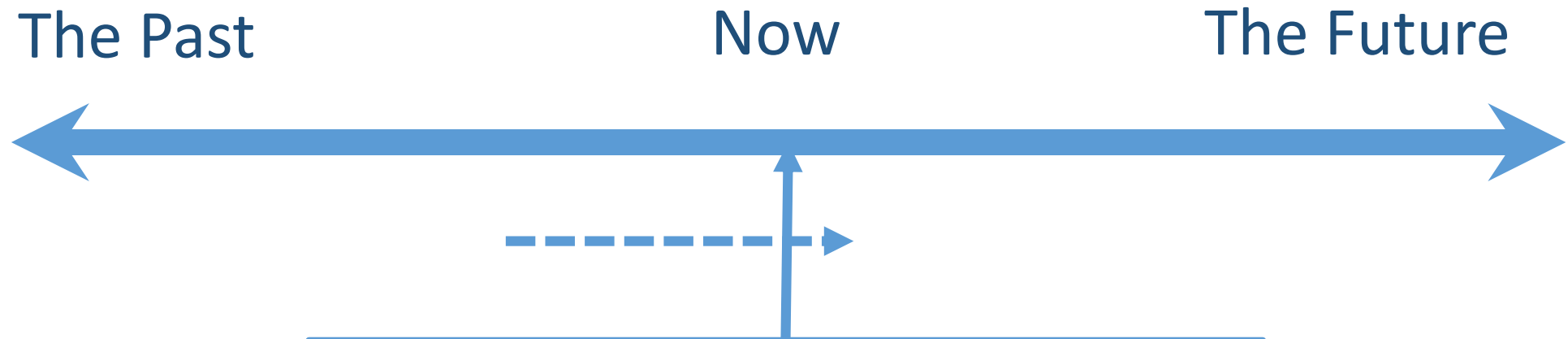
Past Progressive – Examples



Past progressive – Examples

- *We were relaxing on the beach.*
- *She was driving home when she had a flat.*
- *During summer vacation, they were usually swimming or riding their bikes.*

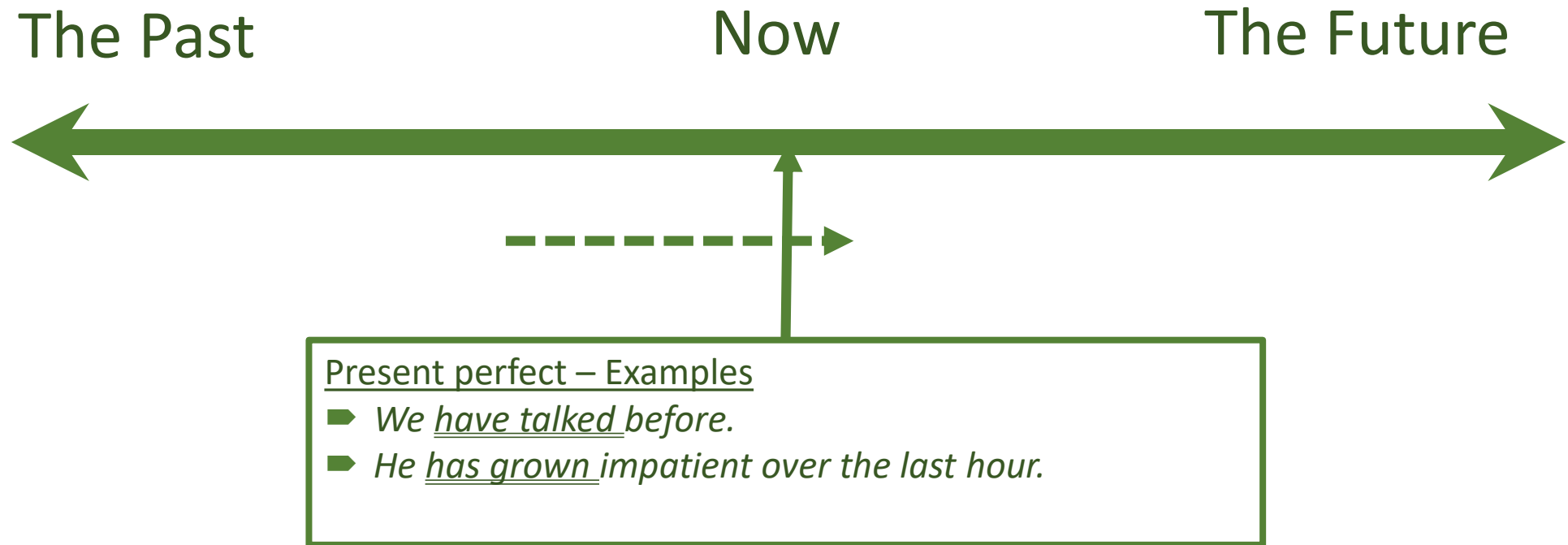
Present Perfect – Usage



Present perfect – Usage

- An action or state that either occurred at an indefinite time in the past (e.g., we have talked before)
- An action that began in the past and continued to the present time (e.g., he has grown impatient over the last hour)

Present Perfect – Examples



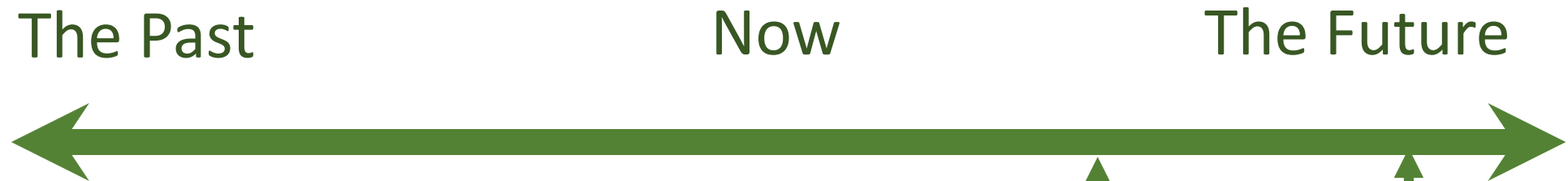
Future Progressive – Usage



Future Progressive – Usage

- Indicates that something will occur in the future and continue for an expected length of time
- Predicting or guessing about events in the future
- In question form, polite inquiry about future events

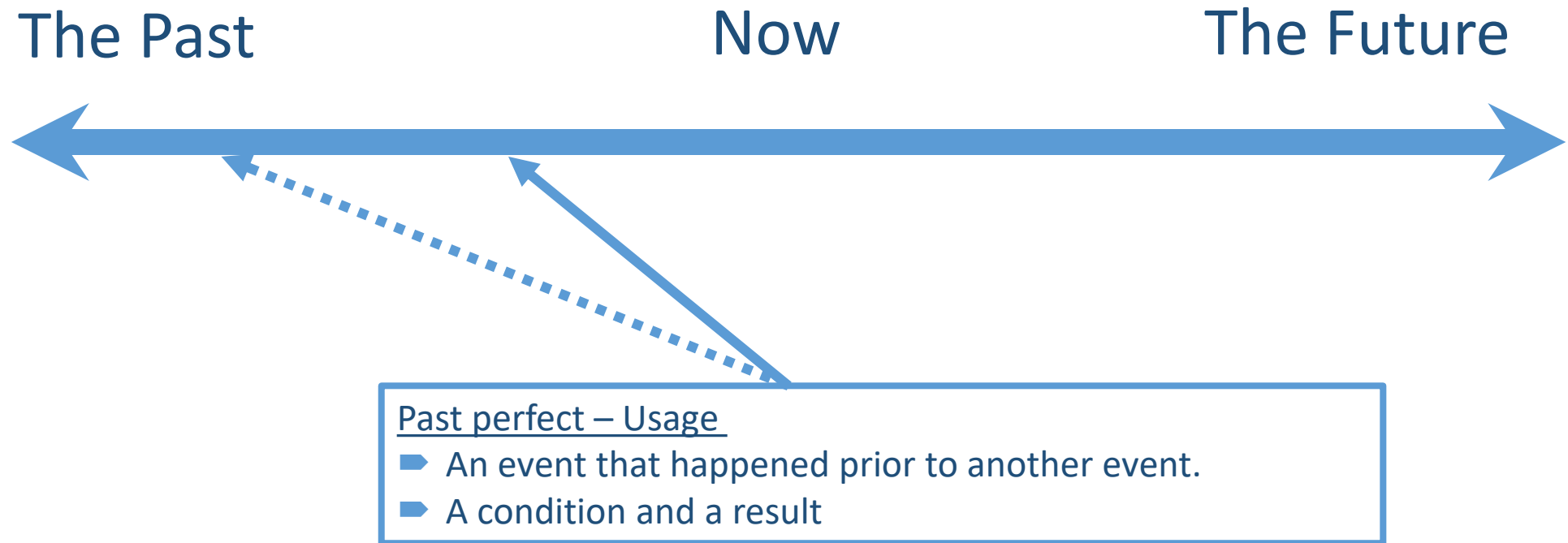
Future Progressive – Examples



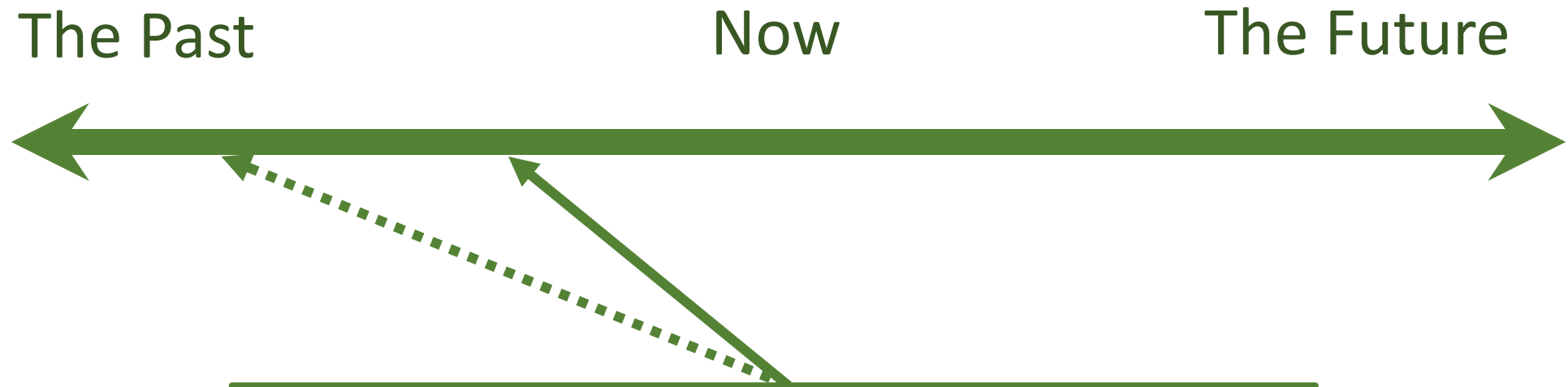
Future Progressive – Examples

- *He'll be having dinner with Samantha at 6:00.*
- *I guess you'll be relaxing on the beach a lot during your trip to Hawaii.*
- *Will you be bringing your new girlfriend to the family dinner on Sunday?*

Past Perfect – Usage



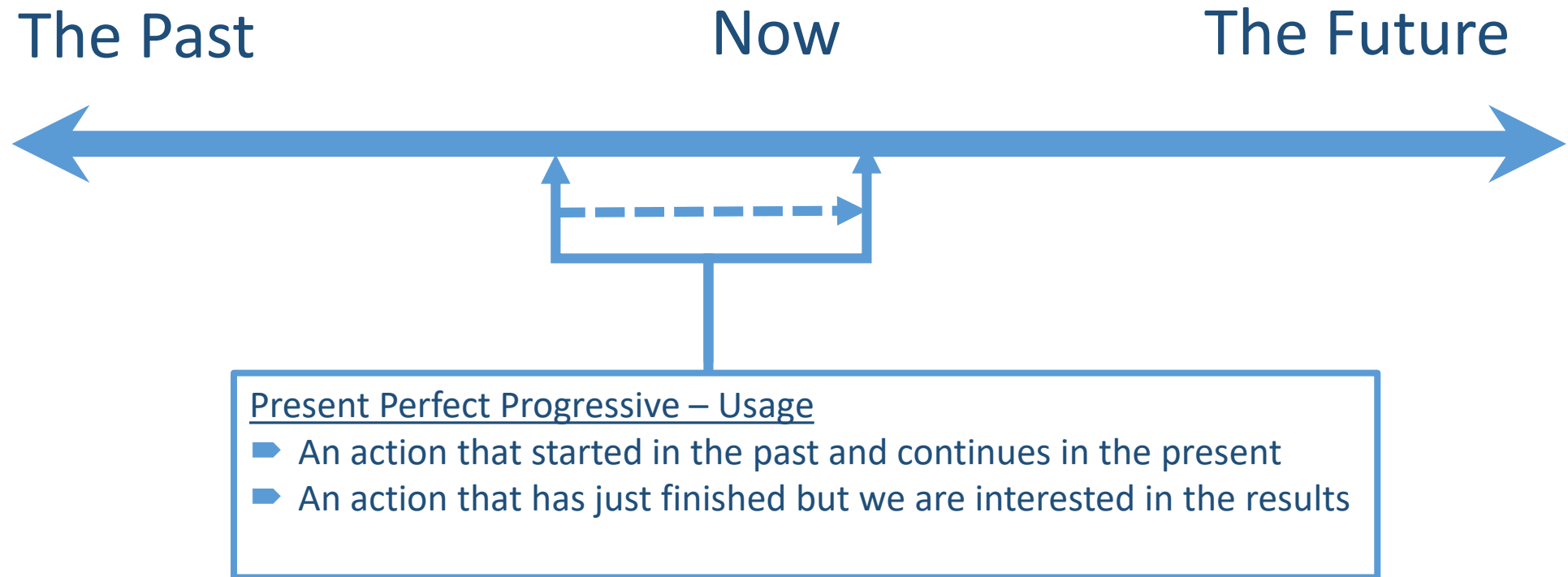
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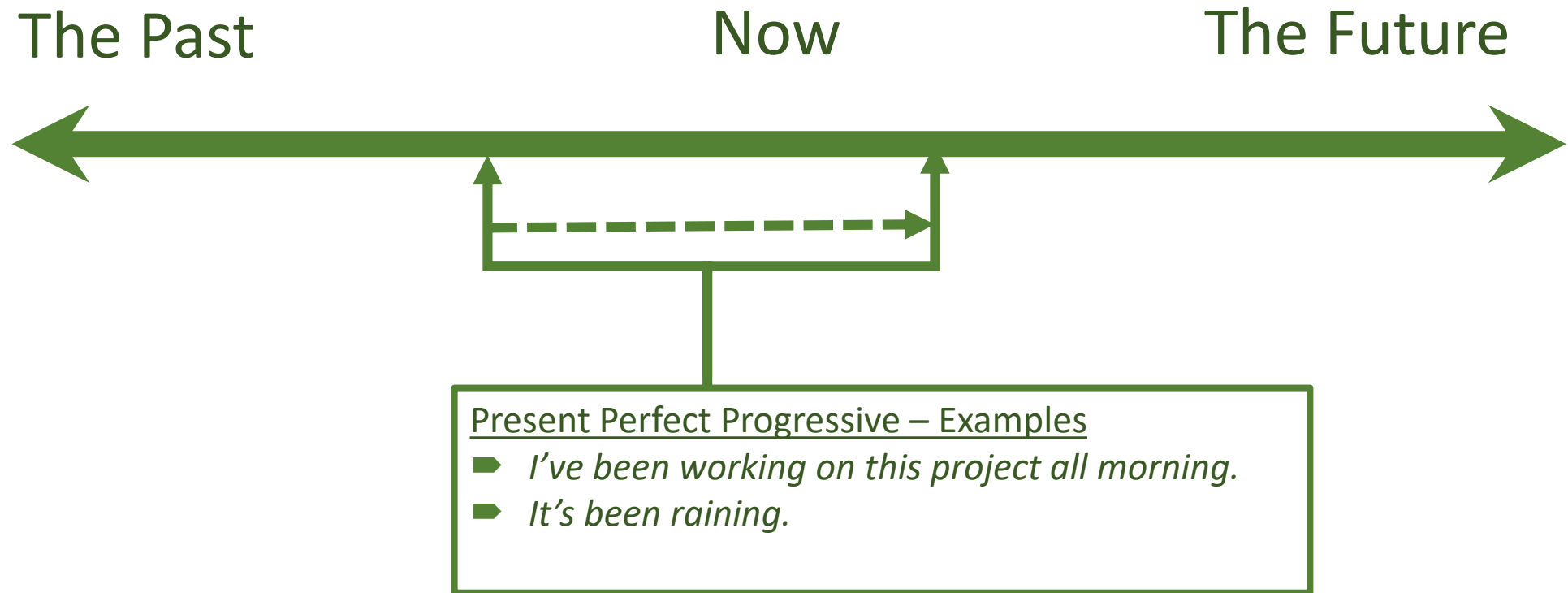
Past perfect – Examples

- The train had just left when she arrived at the station.
- If my alarm had gone off, I wouldn't have been late.

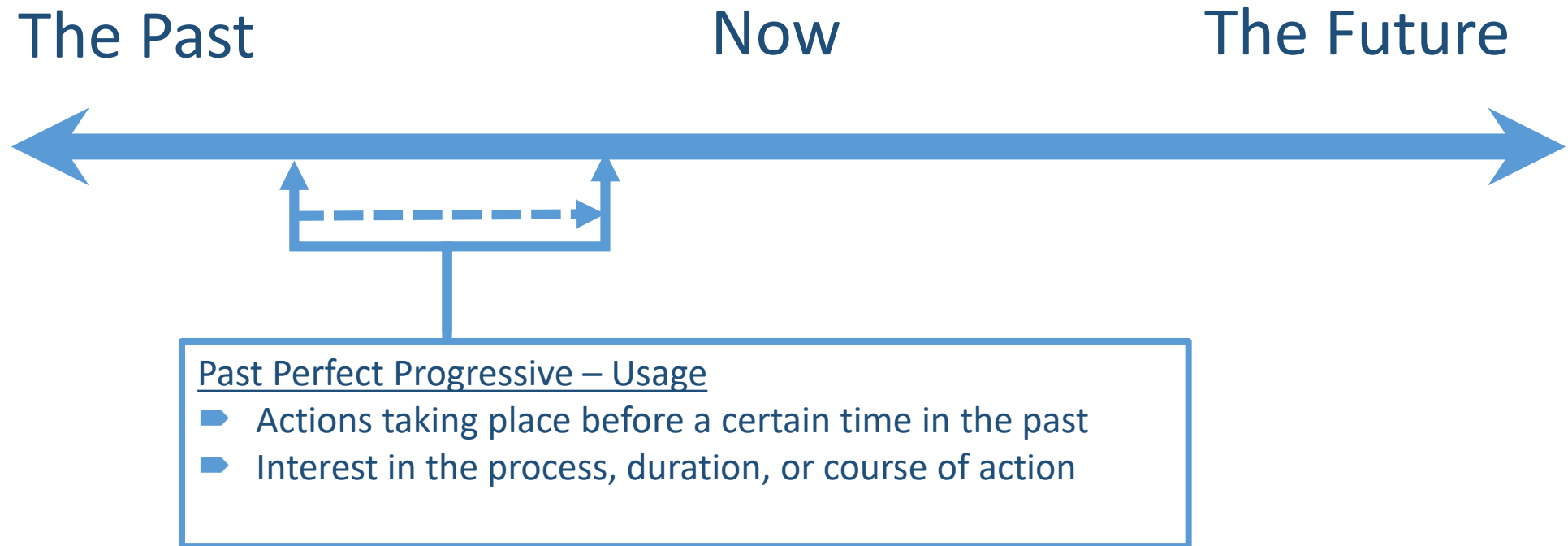
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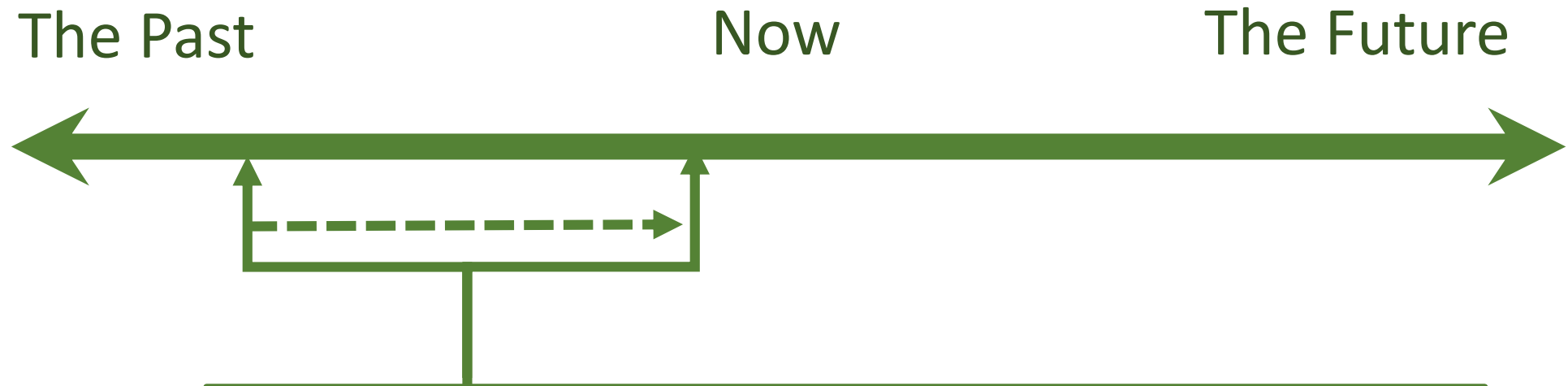
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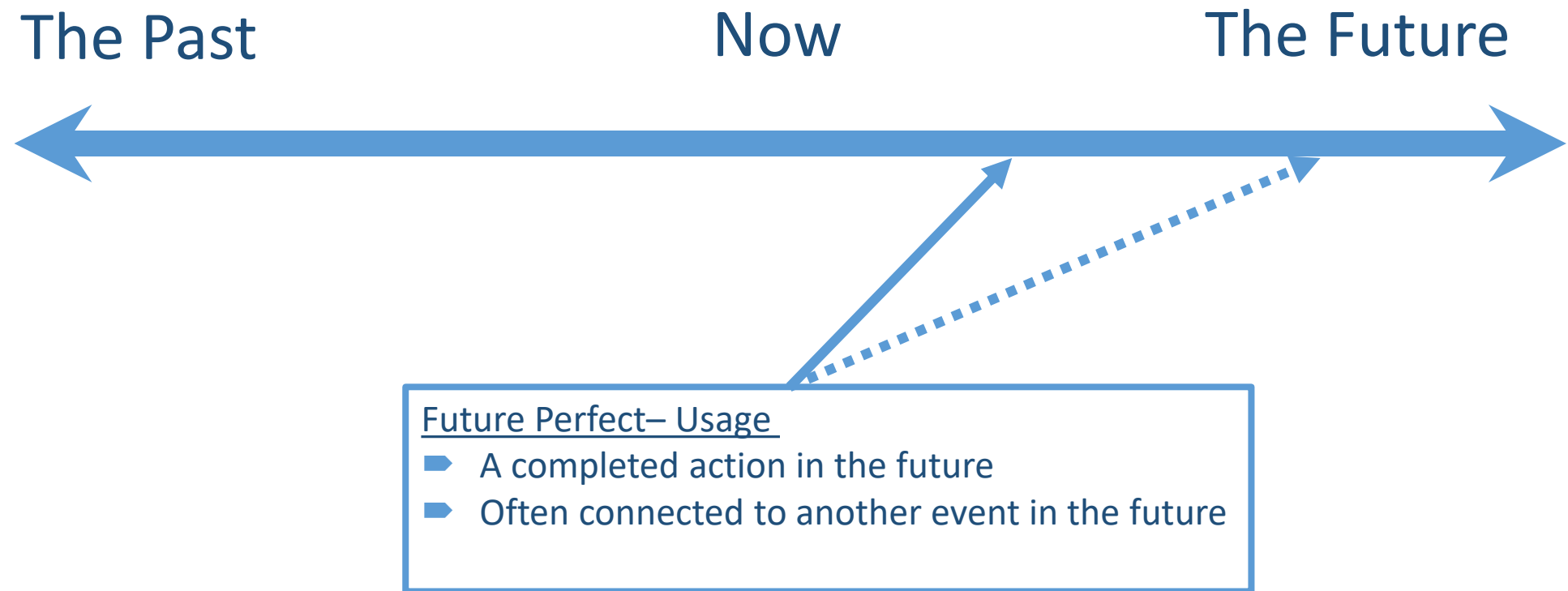
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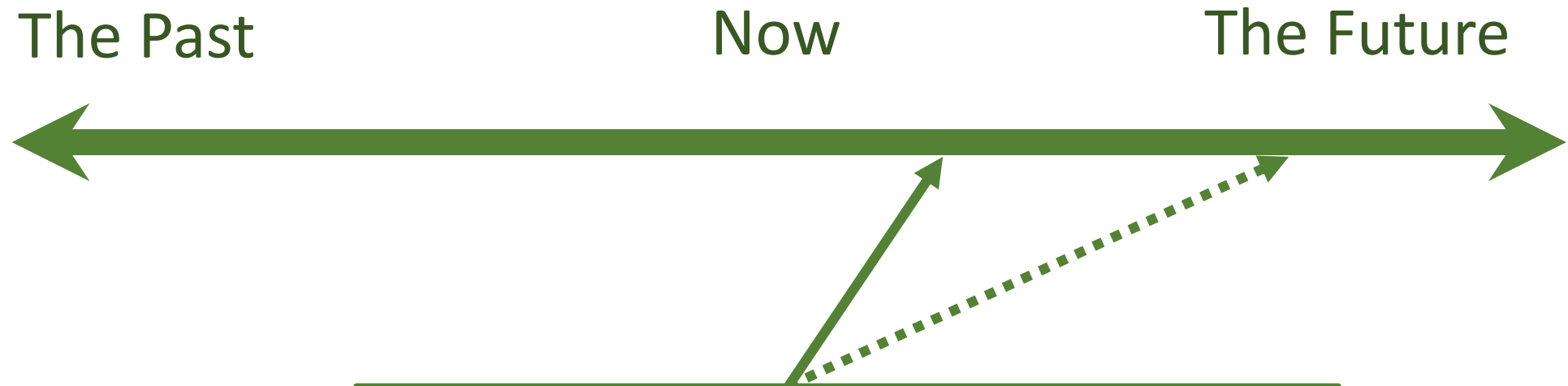
Past Perfect Progressive – Examples

- *I had been waiting all day.*
- *She had been leading the team in points-scoring before her injury ended the season.*
- *He had not been talking when the teacher demanded silence from the class.*

Future Perfect – Usage



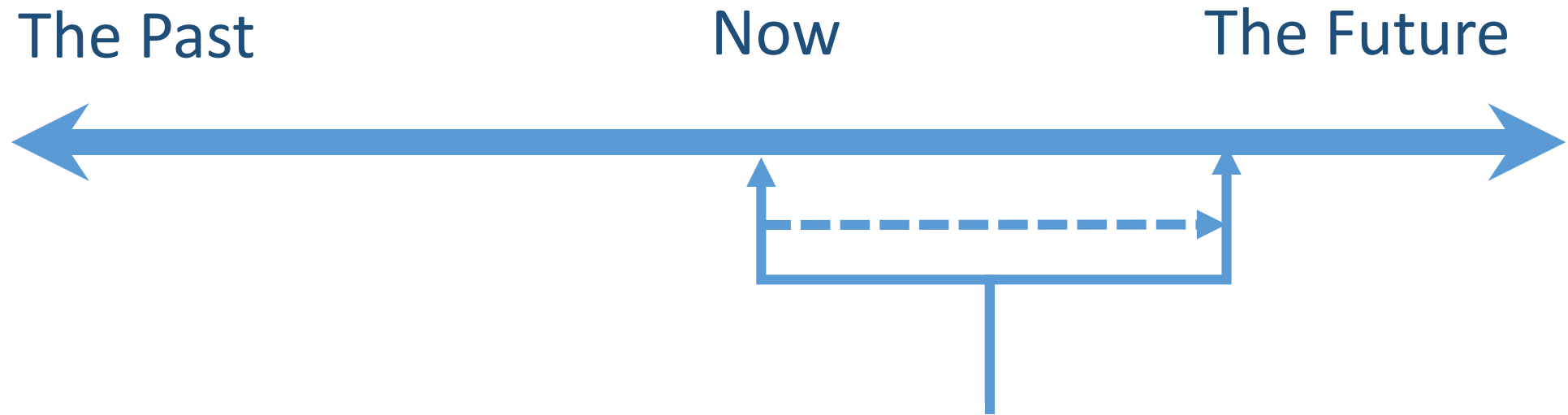
Future Perfect – Examples



Future Perfect – Examples

- *The game will have ended by the time you get here.*
- *We will not have finished the project before it is due.*
- *Will you have eaten breakfast before the meeting starts?*

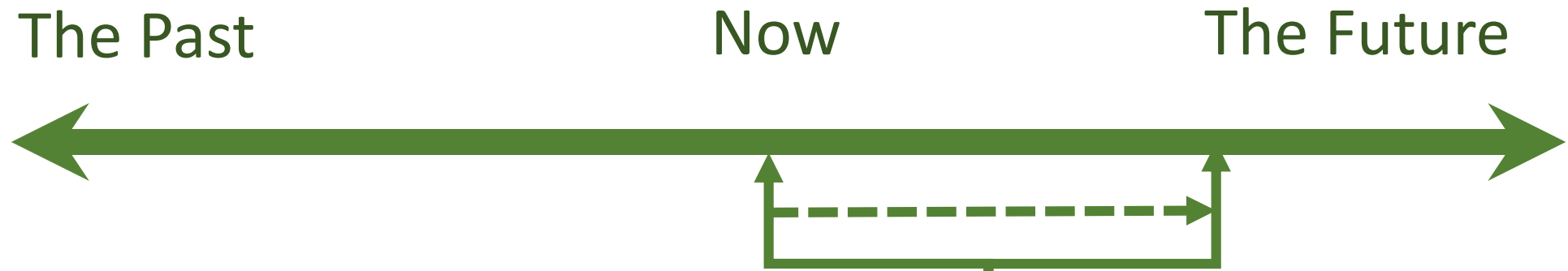
Future Perfect Progressive – Usage



Future Perfect Progressive – Usage

- Actions or events that are currently unfinished, but will be finished at some point in the future
- The time expression is almost always used

Future Perfect Progressive – Examples



Future Perfect Progressive – Examples

- *In June, I will have been living in Charlottesville for four years.*
- *She will not be finishing her Master's degree until 2020.*
- *When I arrive at 6:00pm, will you have been practicing long?*