

PERFECT TENSES

She had done

They will have travelled

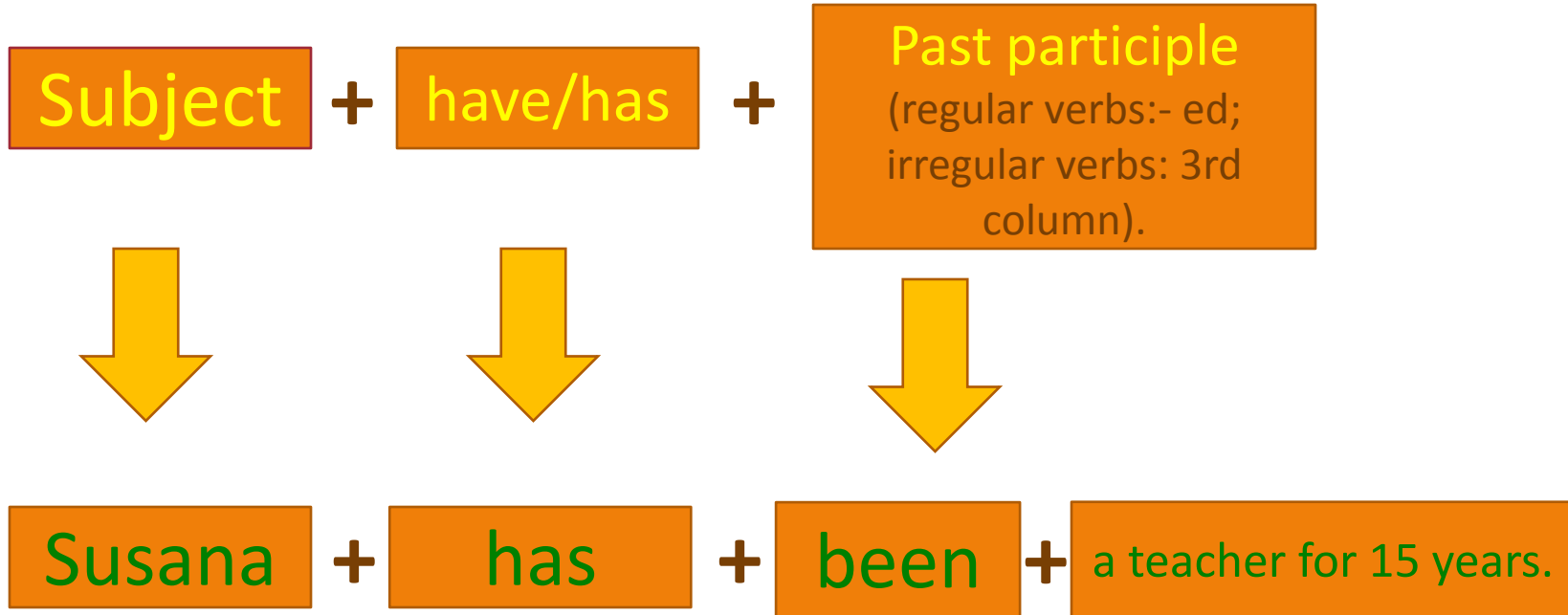
She has been performing

She had been crying

Present Perfect Simple

have been

- Forms: AFFIRMATIVE



Note: the **Present Perfect Simple** refers to an **unfinished action** , whereas the **Past Simple** refers to a **completed action in the past**.

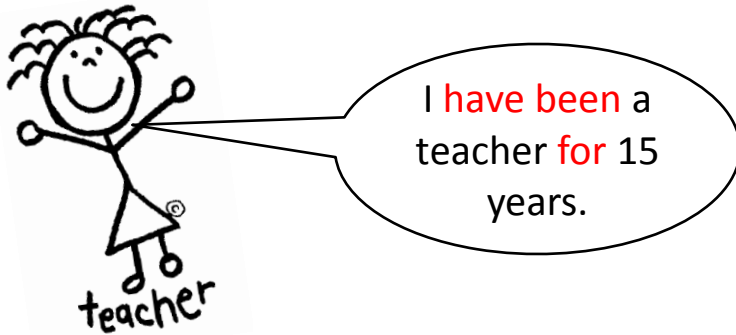
*Susana **was** a shop assistant 16 years **ago**.*

*Susana **has been** a teacher **for** 15 years.*

Present Perfect Simple

have been

- Uses:
 - Action in the **past** connected to the **present**.
 - Action started in the **past** and continues to the **present**.



Susana
1995



Susana
2010



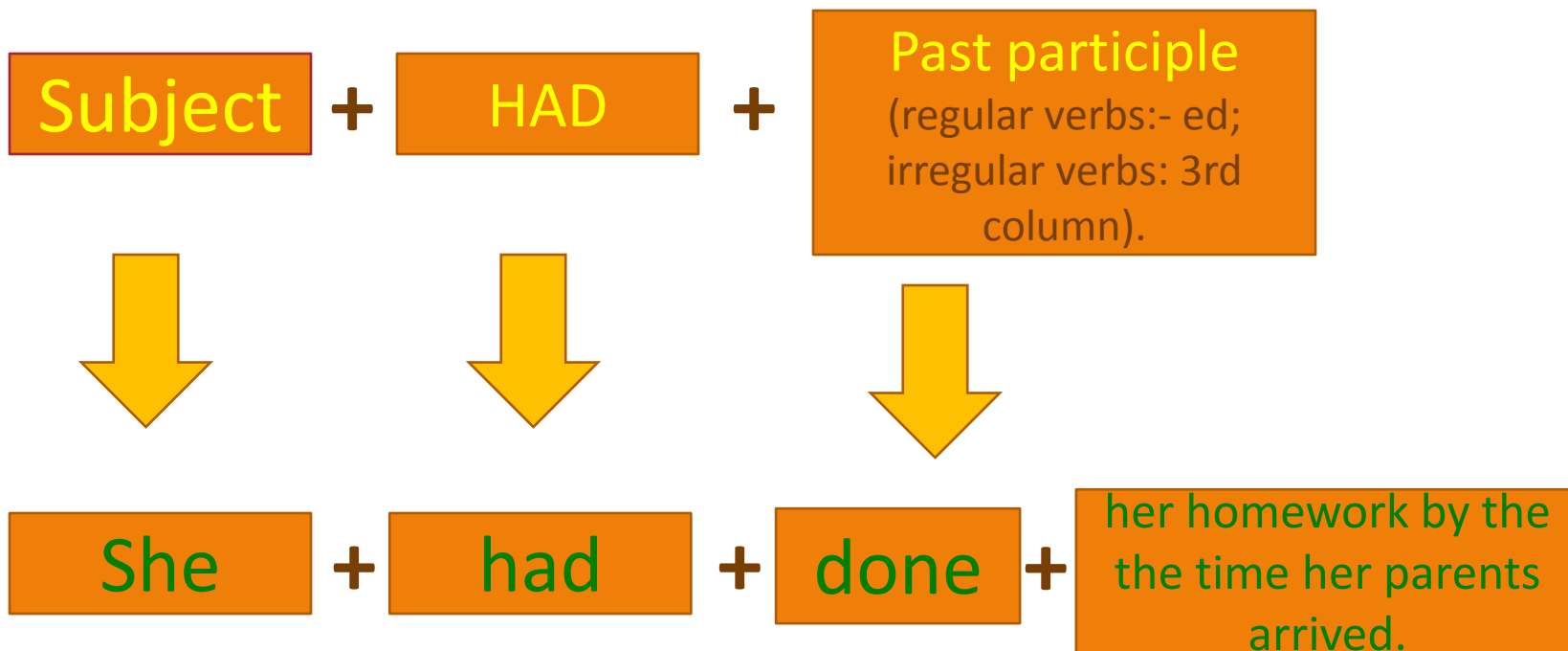
Time expressions:

*Always, never, so far, ever,
just, yet, already, in recent
years, for, since, how
long?, ...*

Past Perfect Simple

She had done

- Forms: AFFIRMATIVE



Note:

Negative form: *She hadn't done her homework by the time her parents arrived.*

Question form: *Had she done her homework by the time her parents arrived?*

Past Perfect Simple

She had done

- Uses:
 - An action happened **before** another action in **the past**.



1st action:
She did her homework.



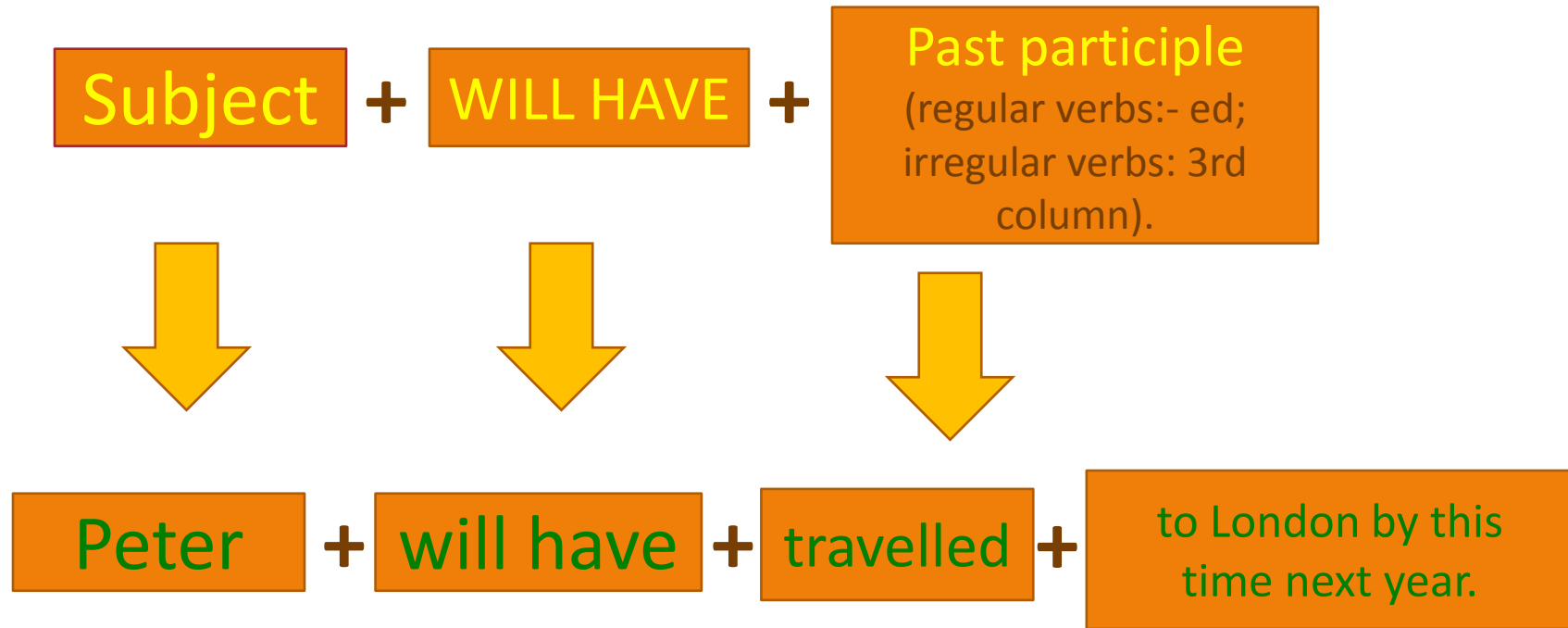
2nd action:
Her parents arrived.

She had done her homework by the time her parents arrived.

Future Perfect Simple

They will have travelled

- Forms: AFFIRMATIVE



Note:

Negative form: *Peter won't have travelled to London by this time next year.*

Question form: *Will Peter have travelled to London by this time next year?*

Future Perfect Simple

They will have travelled

- Uses:
 - A **completed action** at a specific time **in the future**.
Peter will have travelled to London by this time next year.



Time expressions: *By this time next week, by 10 o'clock, by August, by the end of May...*

Present Perfect Continuous

She has been performing

- Forms: AFFIRMATIVE

Subject + HAVE/HAS BEEN + Verb-ING



Shakira + has been + performing + non-stop for a week

Note:

Negative form: *Shakira hasn't been performing non-stop for a week.*

Question form: *Has Shakira been performing non-stop for a week?*

Present Perfect Continuous

She has been performing

- Uses:
 - An **ongoing action** started in the **past** and continues **until** the **present**.

Shakira has been performing non-stop for a week.



Waka, waka...I'm exhausted!!! By the way, the most important **time expressions** are:
For, since, all the time, all summer,...



Past Perfect Continuous

She had been crying

- Forms: AFFIRMATIVE

Subject + HAD BEEN + Verb-ING



She + had been + crying + because her eyes were red.

Note:

Negative form: *She hadn't been crying because her eyes weren't red.*

Question form: *Had she been crying? Her eyes were red.*

Past Perfect Continuous

She had been crying

- Uses:
 - A **continuous action** which **preceded** another **action** in the **past**.

She had been crying because her eyes were red.

Sniff, sniff,...the most important **time expressions** are: *all morning, since, for, by the time, when, before, after...*

