



**Chapter II-**

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***Tense and aspect***

**Mastering Tense Correspondence: Translating French Tenses into English**

- I. Translate the following sentences, which are all in the present tense in French but correspond to five different verb forms in English. Then, formulate the questions that prompted these statements.**

- 1- L'eau bout à 100°.
- 2- Faites attention ! L'eau bout.
- 3- L'eau bout depuis 10 minutes.
- 4- Le téléphone sonne, je répons.
- 5- Je le connais depuis 2 ans.
- 6- Il est mort depuis 6 mois maintenant.
- 7- C'est la première fois que je viens dans cette pharmacie.

- II. Translate the following sentences, which are all in the imperfect tense in French but correspond to five different verb forms in English.**

- 1- Je travaillais quand il est arrivé.
- 2- Je travaillais depuis 10 minutes quand il est arrivé.
- 3- Avant, je travaillais tôt le matin.
- 4- C'était la première fois qu'un patient atteint du sida venait me consulter.
- 5- A 20 ans, il fumait deux paquets de cigarettes par jour.
- 6- Il fumait toujours avant d'annoncer une mauvaise nouvelle à la famille.
- 7- Avant d'être ici, je ne travaillais pas de nuit.

**III. In the following sentences, adjust the verb form to match the situations in brackets**

- 1- I (to work) with Professor Meguenni (already).
- 2- I (to work) with Professor Meguenni (not ...so far)
- 3- I (to work) with Professor Meguenni (from 1995 to 1998)
- 4- I (to work) with Professor Meguenni ( not yet)
- 5- I (to work) with Professor Meguenni (never ... up to know)
- 6- I (to work) with Professor Meguenni (for 2 years now)
- 7- I (to work) with Professor Meguenni (since 1985)
- 8- I (to work) with Professor Meguenni (3 and half years ago)
- 9- I (to work) with Professor Meguenni ( for a year, then he left the hospital)

**IV. Convert the sentences to: Present Simple, present Simple continuous, past simple and past simple continuous.**

- 1- I (to work) with Professor Meguenni.
- 2- I (not to work) with Professor Meguenni.
- 3- I (never to work) with Professor Meguenni.
- 4- You (to work) with Professor Meguenni.
- 5- She (to work) with Professor Meguenni.
- 6- They (to work) with Professor Meguenni.

**V. You did not hear the information conveyed by the italicized words clearly; ask the question that will allow you to obtain this information**

- 1- Dr Lahbib and Dr Mehdi met *in Amsterdam* last week.
- 2- *The Benetton advertisement* shocked many AIDS patients when it appeared.
- 3- Researchers discovered the HIV virus *in the mid-1980s*.
- 4- Researchers discovered *the HIV virus* in the mid-1980s.
- 5- *French and American researchers* discovered the HIV virus in the mid-1980s.
- 6- Researchers have been working hard since *the mid-1980s* to come up with a vaccine for AIDS.
- 7- More than 8,000 scientists and other experts attended *the latest AIDS conference* last week in Philadelphia.
- 8- The patient has had the symptoms *for more than a month*.