

# Using Perfect Tenses Perfectly...

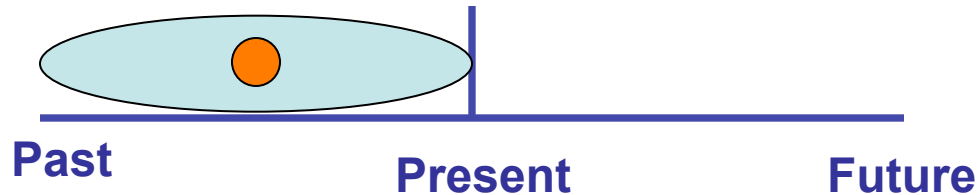
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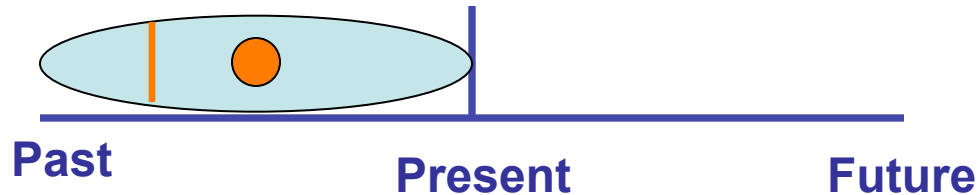
- Simple present:  
I write a letter.
- Present perfect:  
I have written a letter.

# Present Perfect



- Express actions that started sometime in the past and completed at an unspecified time (possibly present)
  - There **has been** a war in Israel.
- Express actions that started in the past and are continuing at the present time
  - I **have had** a cold for two weeks.

# Present Perfect



- **Can't** be used with specific time: yesterday, last week, that day etc.
- We can limit the time: in the last year, this week, this month, so far, up to now, etc.
  - **I have seen** that movie six times **in the last month**.

**last year (specific time) ≠ in the last year (time range)**

# Present Perfect - Uses

- Experience

- I **have been** to France.
- I **have seen** that movie before.
- **Have** you ever **met** him?
- No, I **have not met** him.

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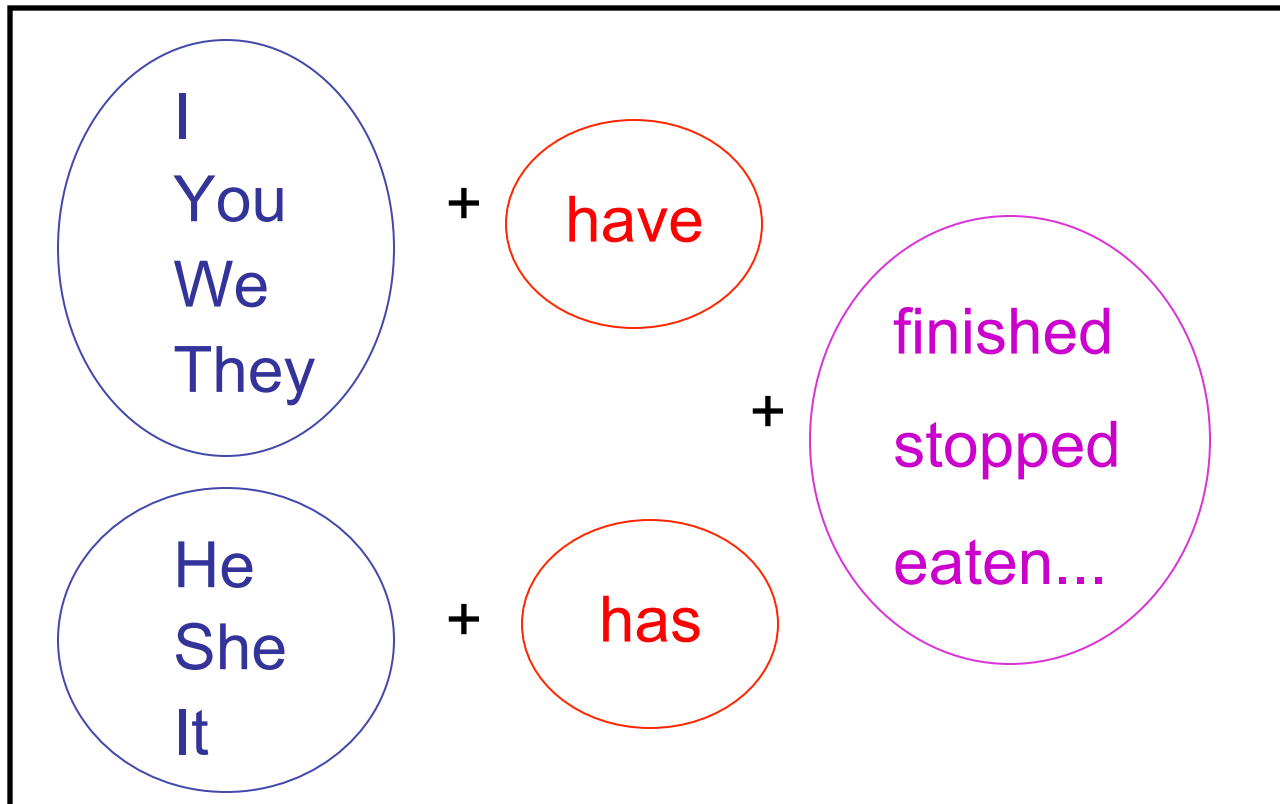
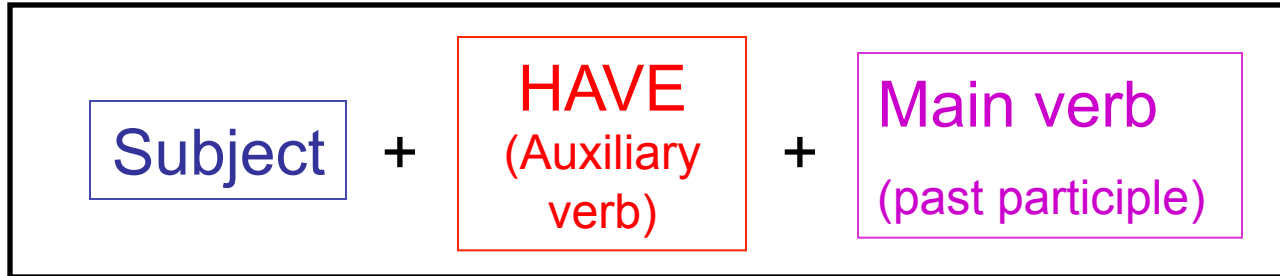
- Change over time
  - You **have grown** since the last time I saw you.
  - My English **has improved** since I moved to Australia.
- Accomplishments - individual or general
  - Man **has walked** on the Moon.
  - Our son **has learned** how to read.

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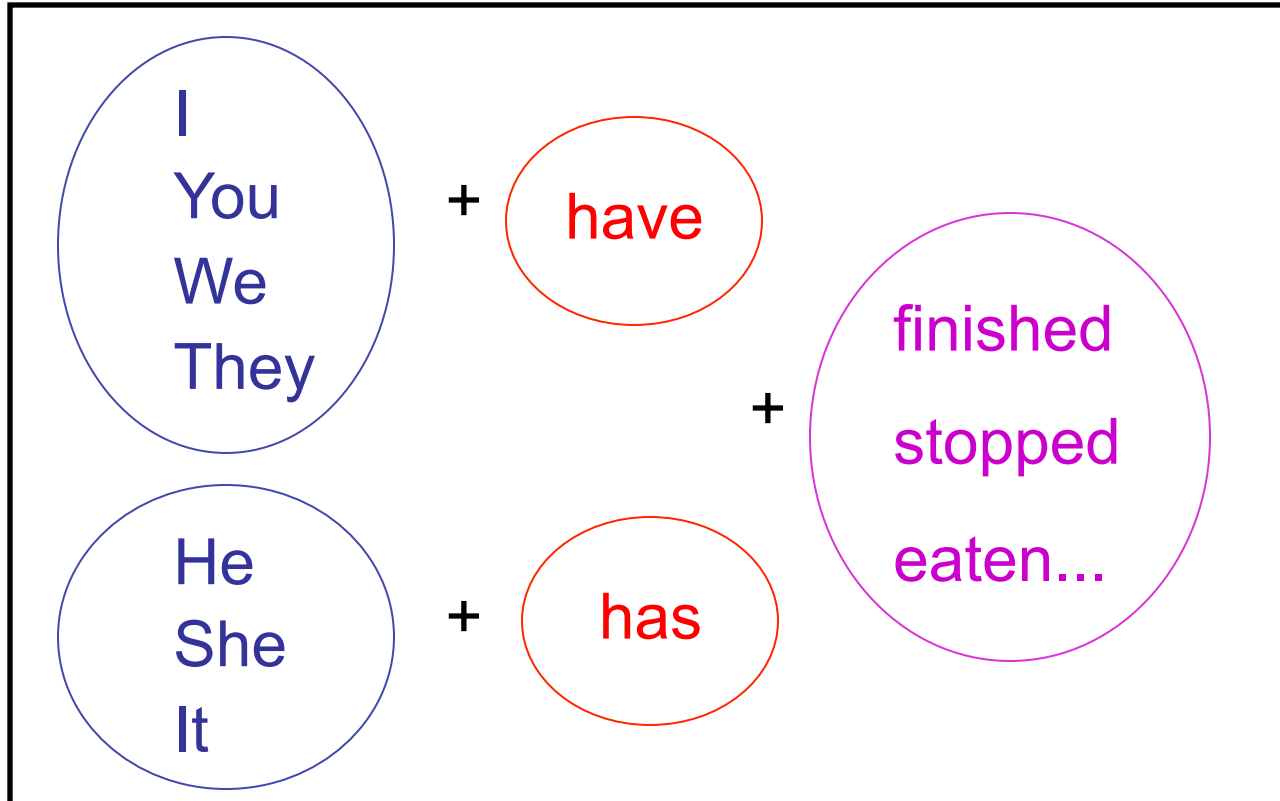
- An uncompleted action you are expecting
  - James **has not finished** his homework yet.
  - Susan **hasn't mastered** Japanese, but she can communicate.
- Multiple actions at different times
  - The army **has attacked** that city five times.
  - We **have had** many problems while working on this project



# Present Perfect - Positive

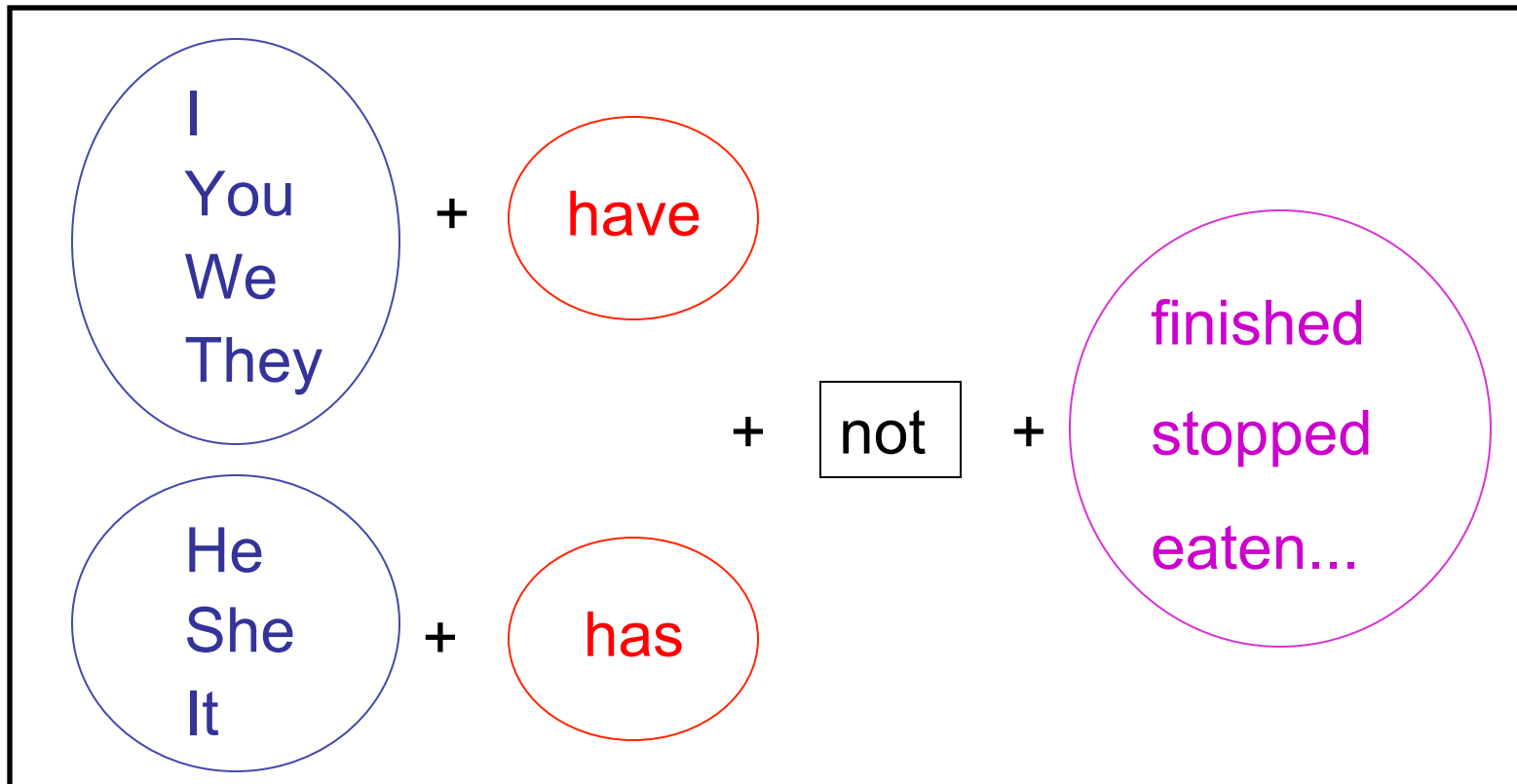
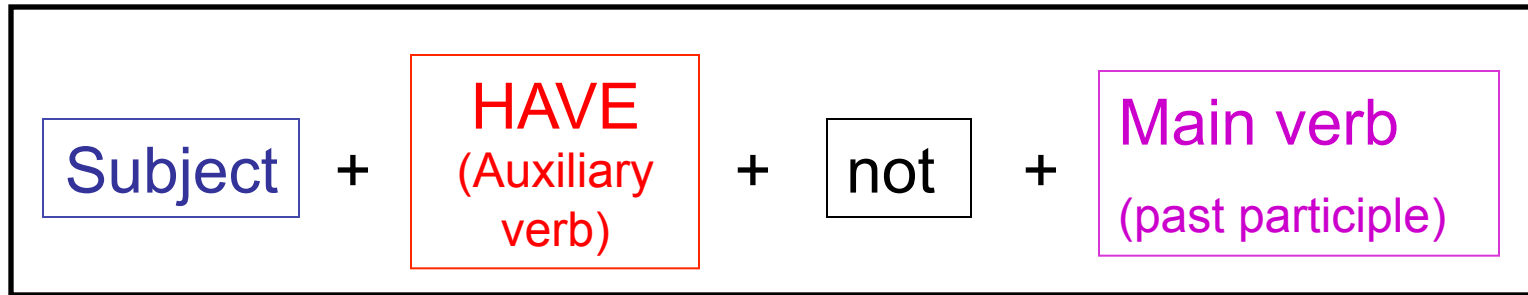


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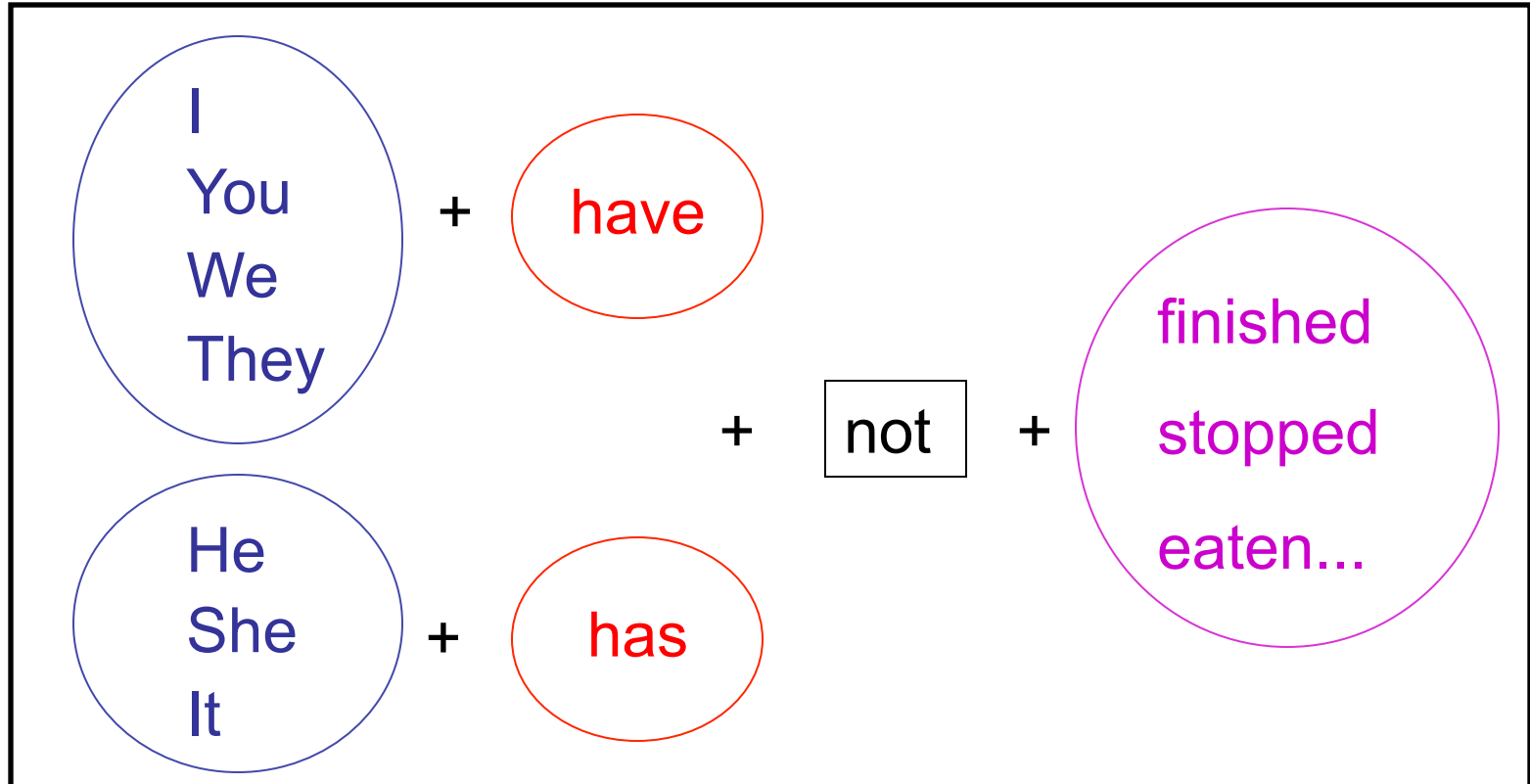


- Examples:
  - I **have seen** that movie.
  - You **have eaten** mine.

# Present Perfect - Negative

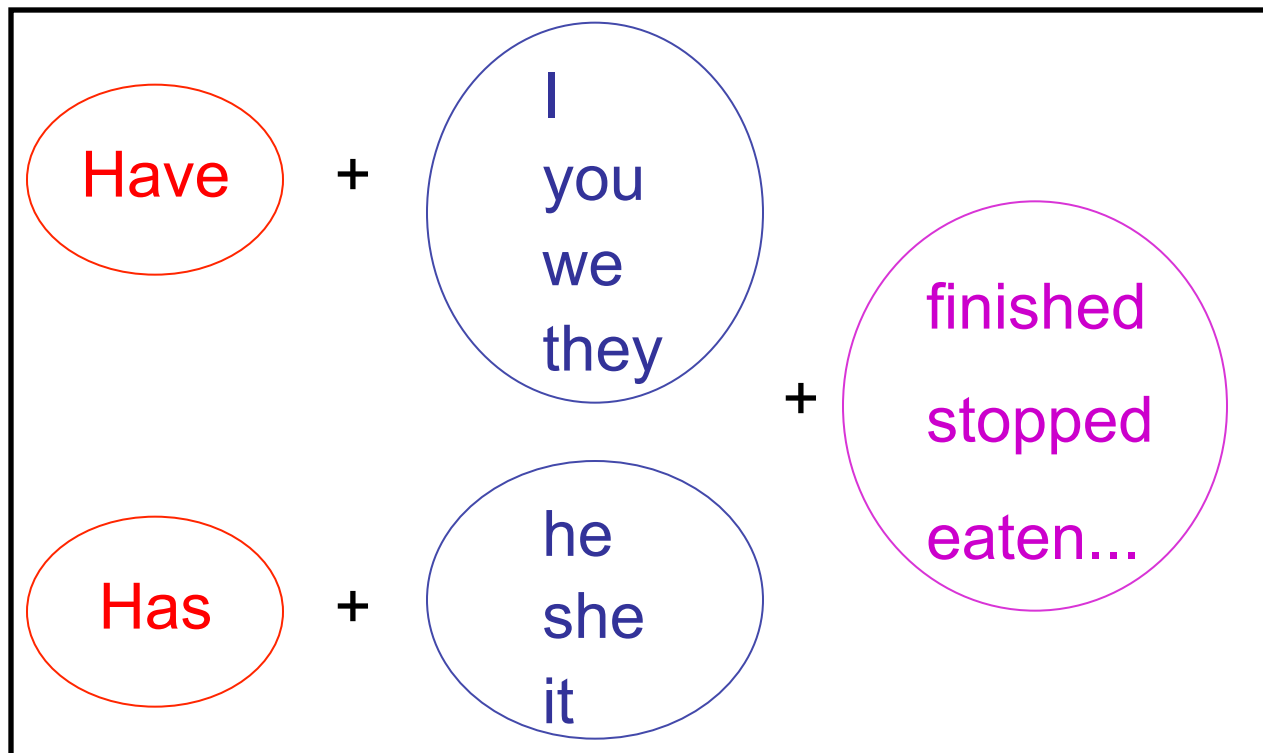
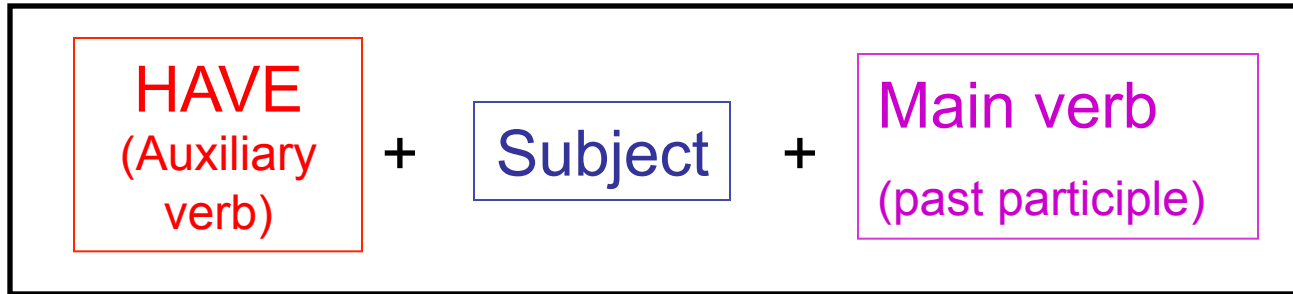


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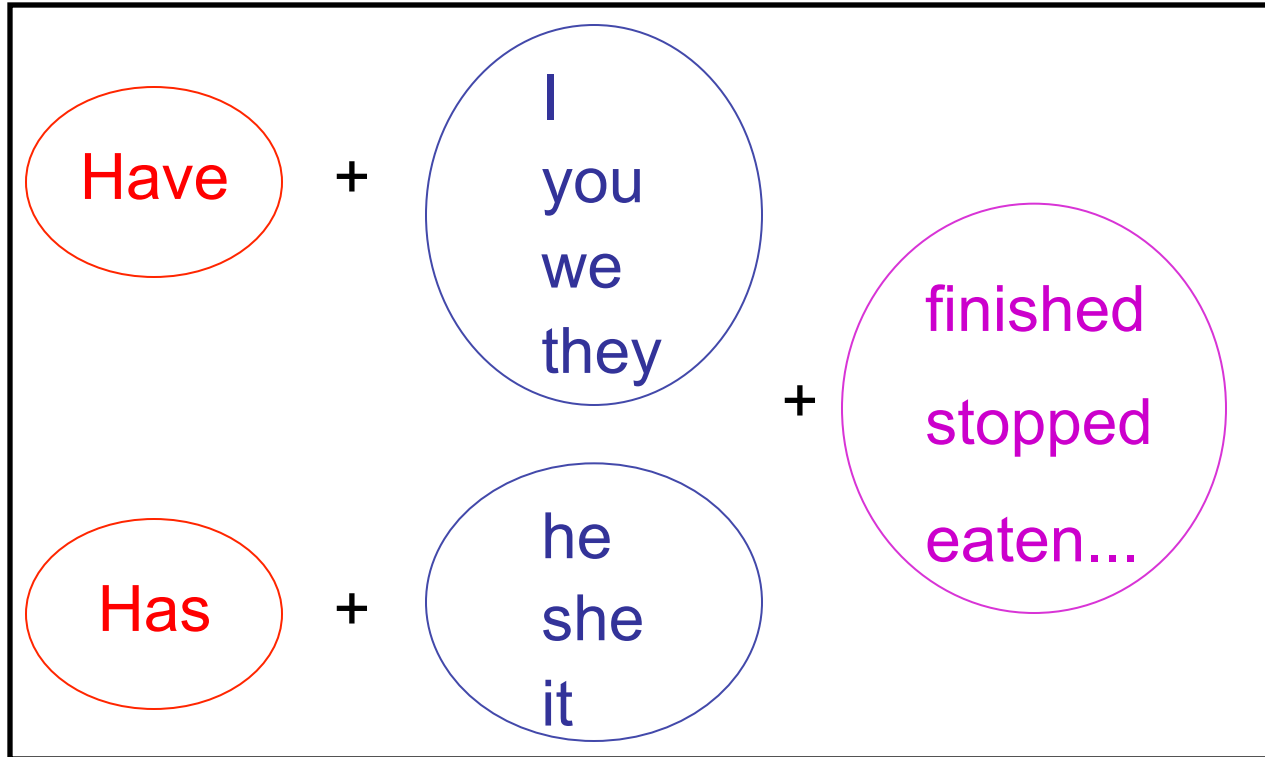


- Examples:
  - **She has not been** to Rome.
  - **We have not played** football.

# Present Perfect - Questions



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- Examples:
  - **Have** **you** **finished** reading that book?
  - **Have** **they** **stopped** the protest?

# Present Perfect – Adverb Placement

- Place adverbs before the verb
- Adverbs: always, only, never, ever, still, just, etc.
  - You have **only** seen that movie one time.
  - Have you **only** seen that movie one time?

# Present Perfect - Contractions

- Contraction is optional
- Often done when speaking:
  - I have → I've
  - She has → She's
  - We have → We've
  - ...
- Careful: It's finished.
  - It is finished.
  - It has finished.
  - Well... usually clear from the context.



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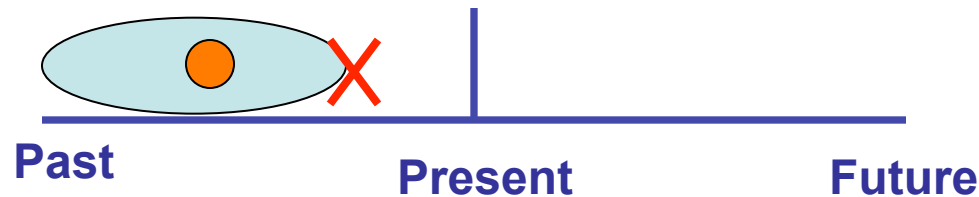
- Positive sentences:
  - I/see/movie/twenty times: **I have seen** that movie twenty times.
  - People/travel/to the moon: **People have traveled** to the Moon.
- Negative sentences:
  - People/not travel/to Mars: **People have not traveled** to Mars.
  - Nobody/ever/climb/that mountain: **Nobody has ever climbed that mountain.**
- Questions:
  - You/read/the book/yet: **Have you read** the book yet?
  - She/eat/that cake: **Has she eaten** that cake?

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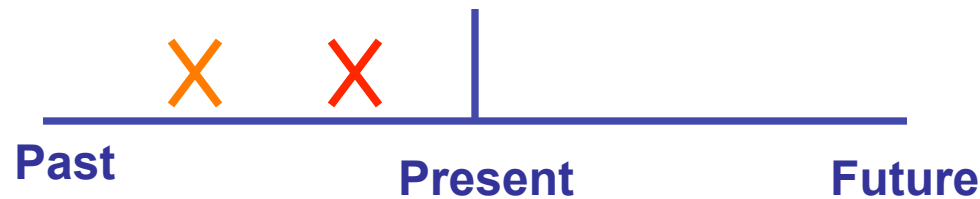
- Simple past:  
I wrote a letter.
- Past perfect:  
I had written a letter.

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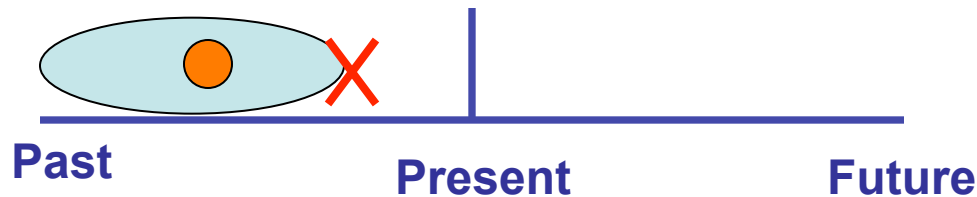
- Express actions completed before a certain time in the past
  - You **had studied** English before you moved to New York.
- Express duration before certain time in the past
  - We **had had** that car for ten years before it broke down.

# Past Perfect – Specific Time



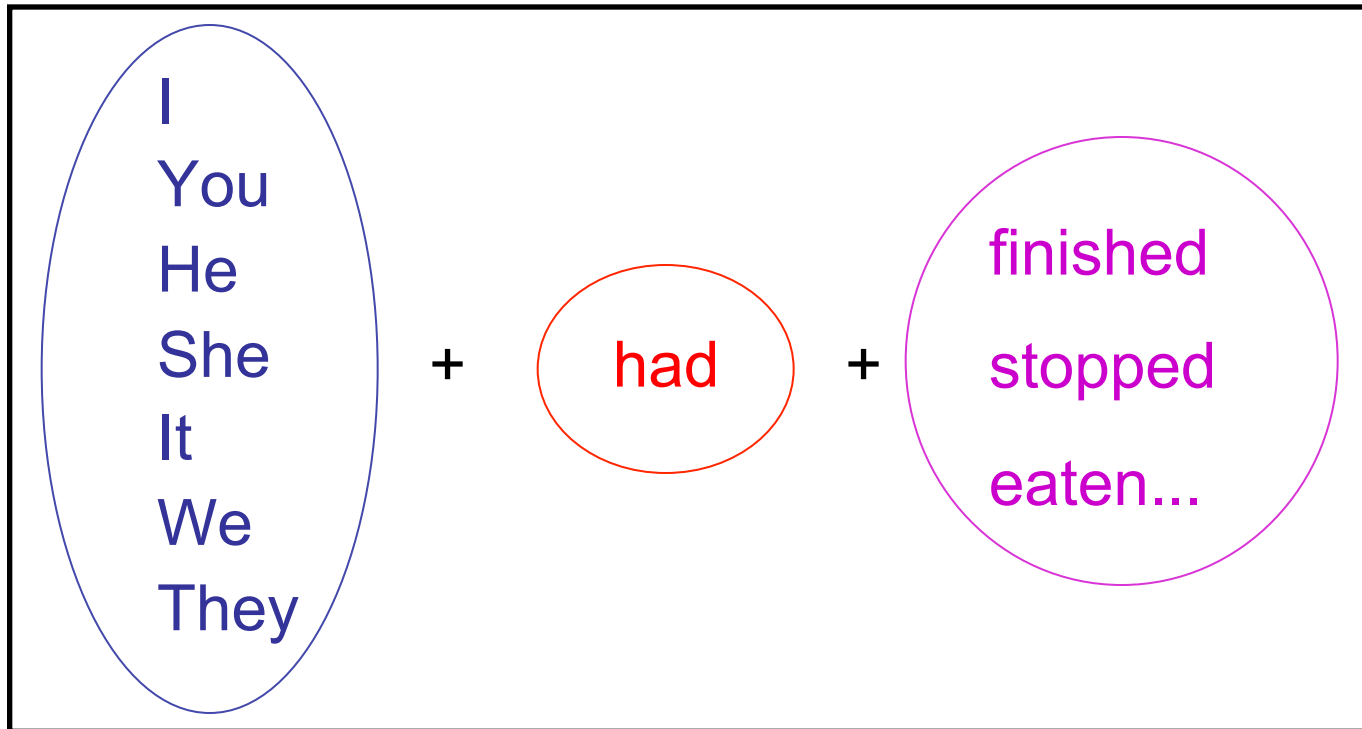
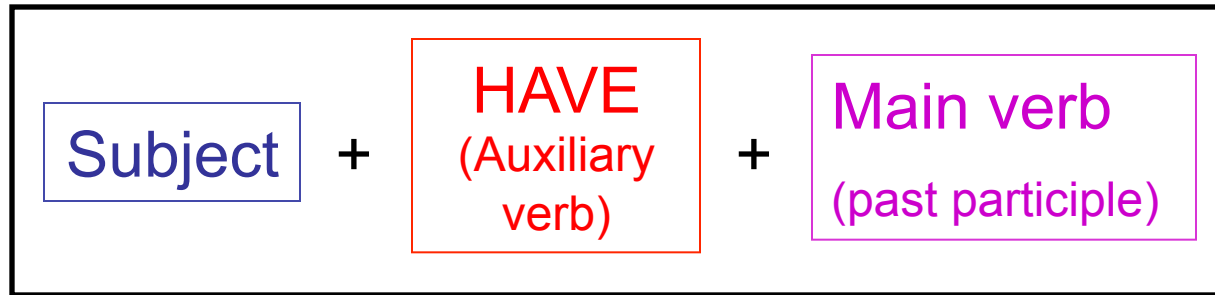
- **Can** be used with specific time: yesterday, last week, that day etc.
- If “before” or “after” are used can also use simple past
  - She **had visited** her Japanese relatives once in 1993 before she moved in with them in 1996.
  - She **visited** her Japanese relatives once in 1993 before she moved in with them in 1996.

# Past Perfect - Specific Time

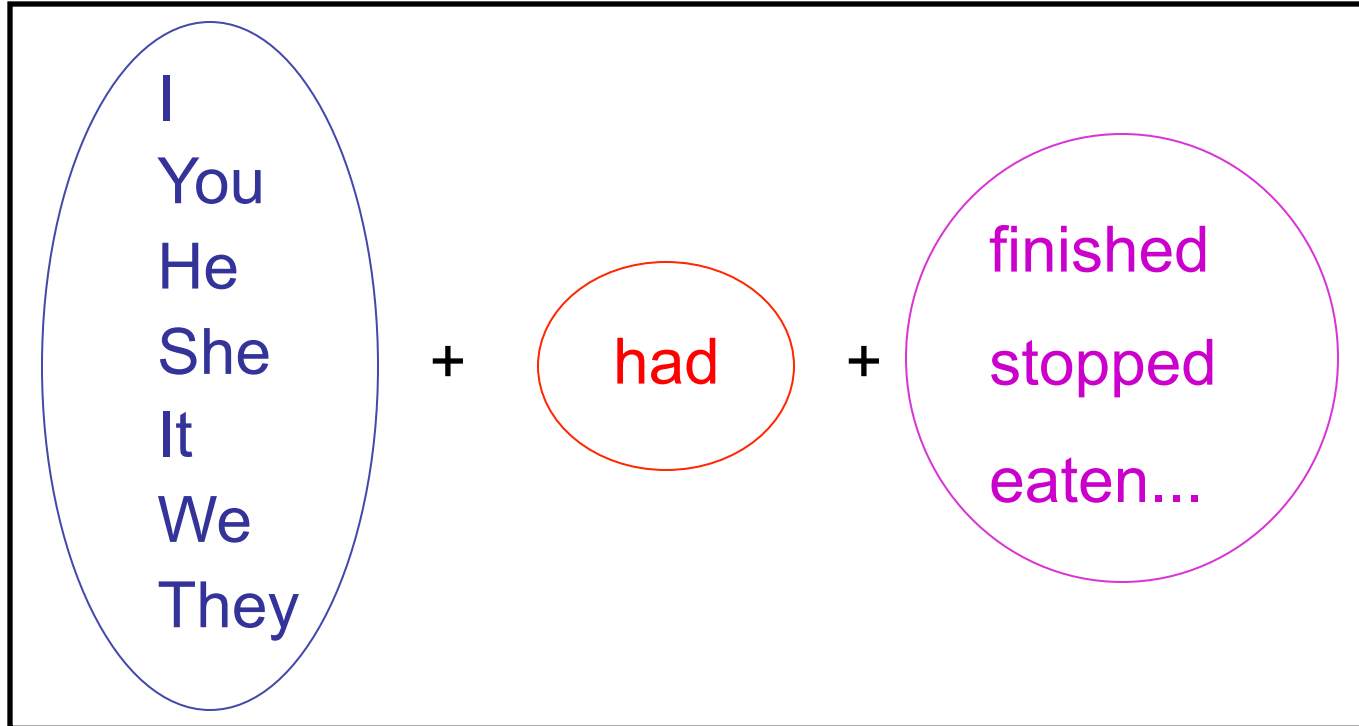


- If past action/event not referring to specific time, past perfect **must** be used.
  - She never **saw** a bear before she moved to Alaska. **Incorrect**
  - She **had** never **seen** a bear before she moved to Alaska. **Correct**

# Past Perfect - Positive



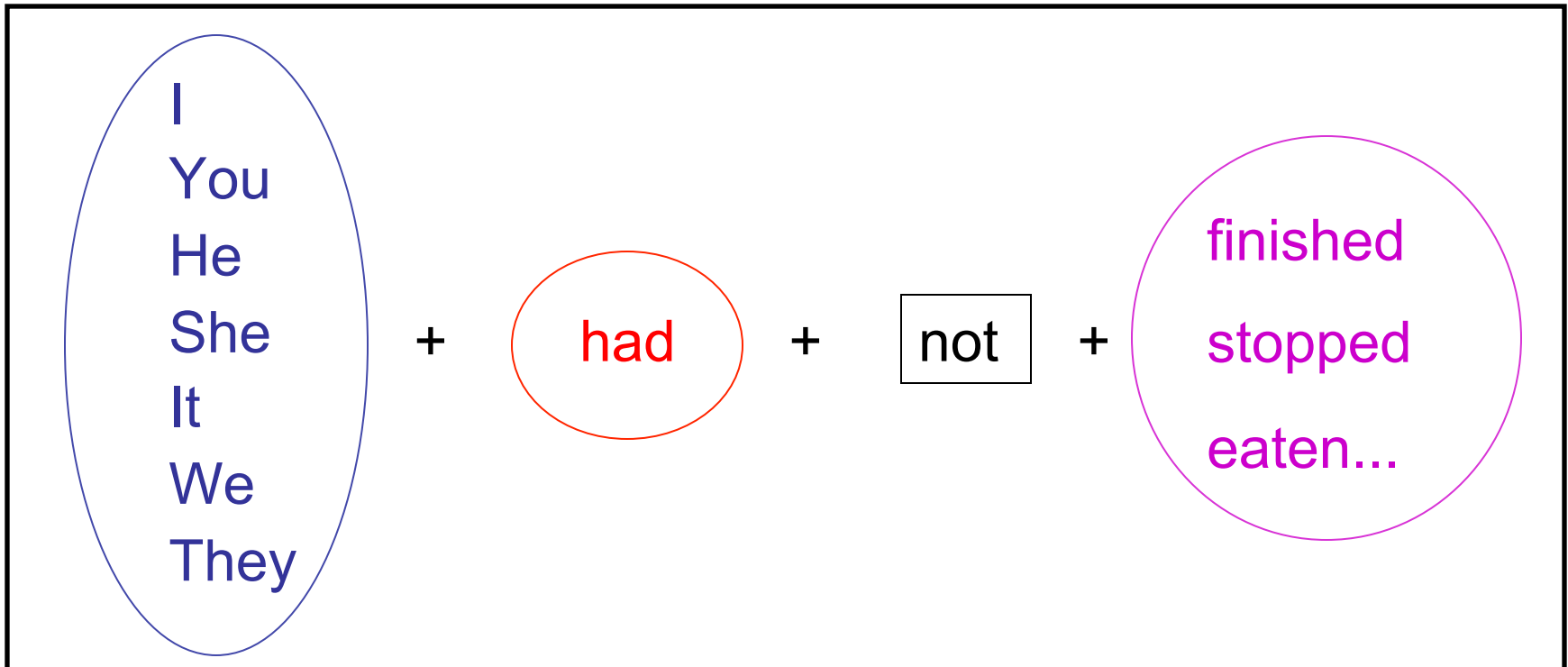
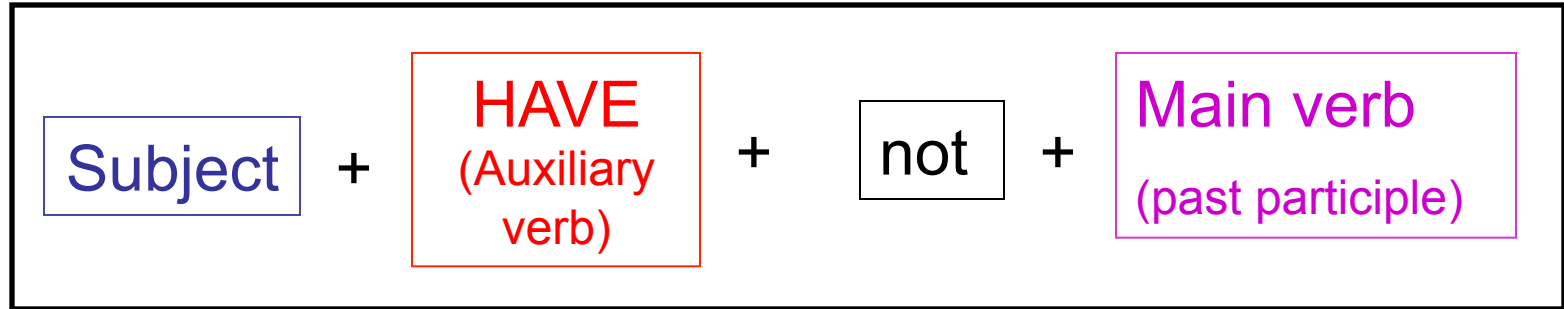
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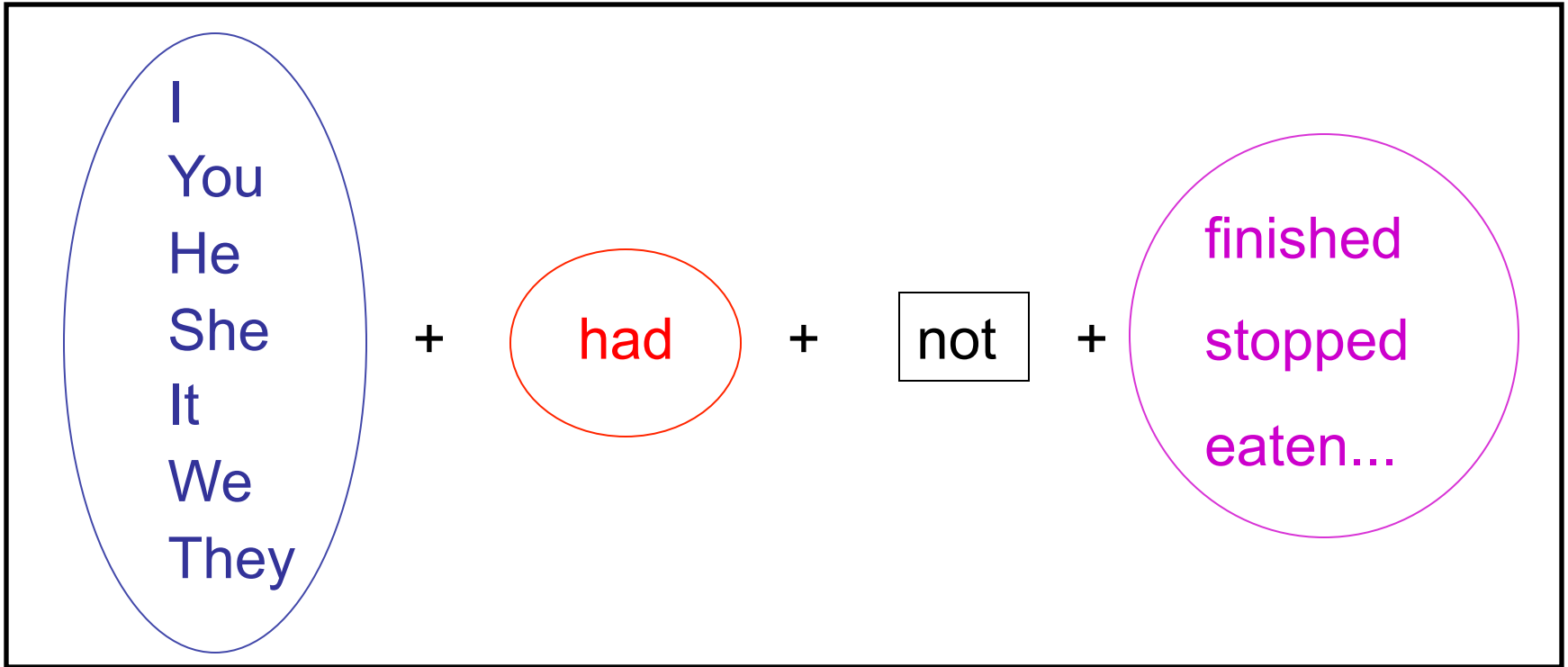
- Examples:
  - I **had finished** my work.
  - **You had stopped** before me.
  - **John had completed** that assignment.



# Past Perfect - Negative

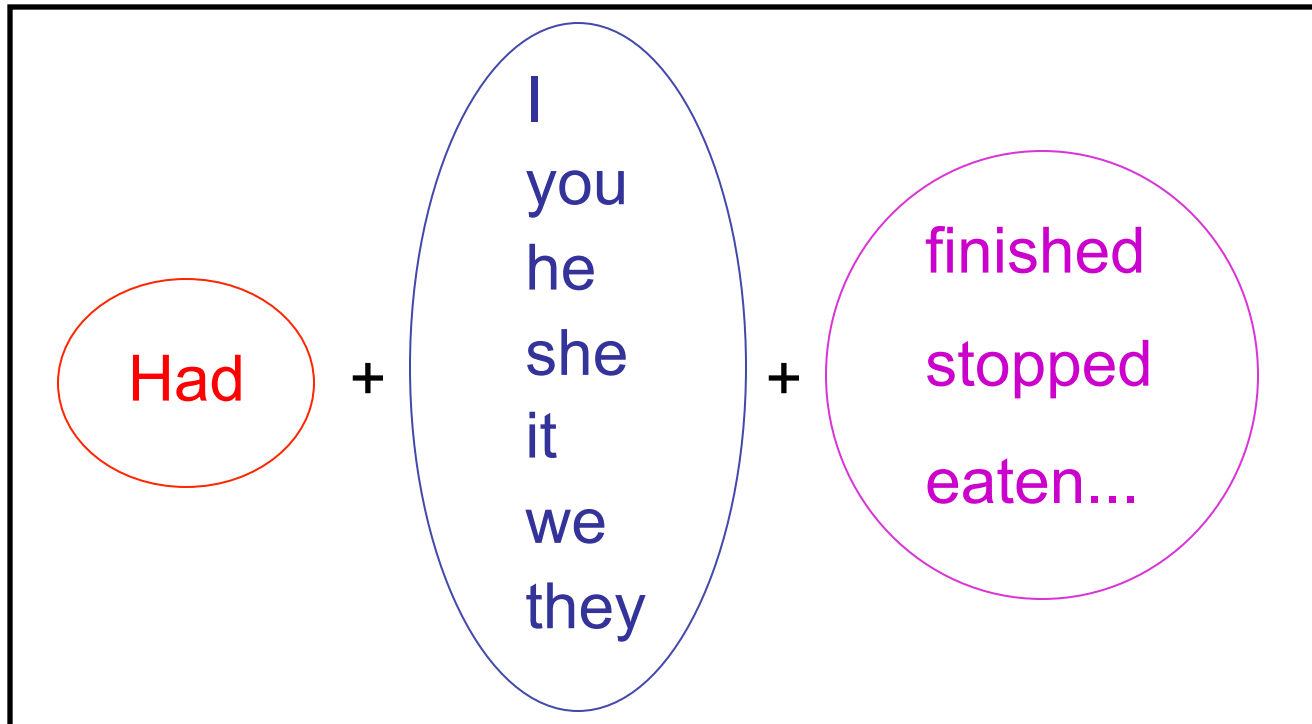
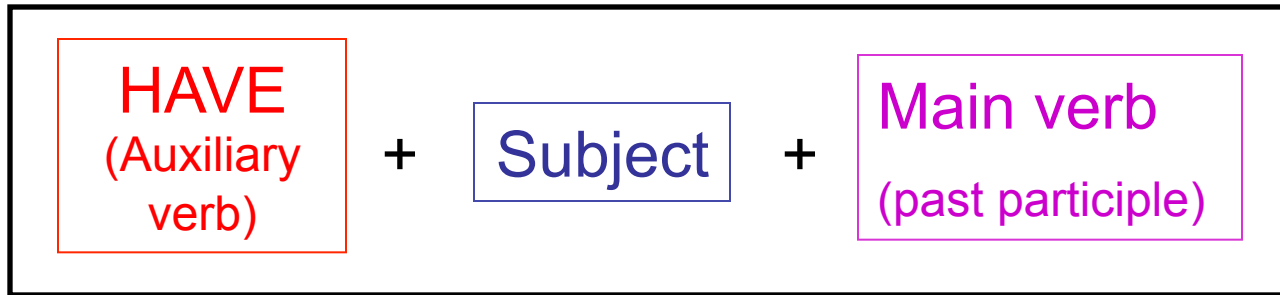


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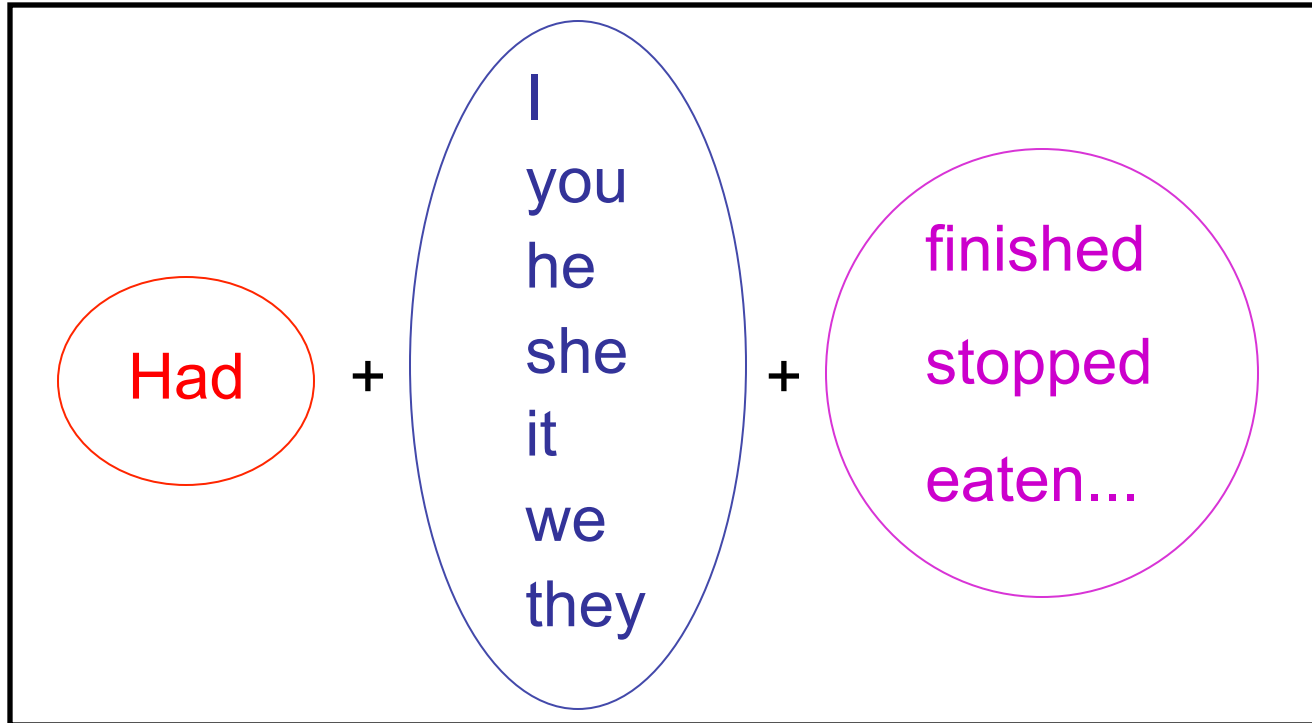


- Examples:
  - She **had** not **gone** to school.
  - We **had** not **left**.
  - They **had** not **eaten** the apples.

# Past Perfect - Questions



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- Examples:
  - **Had** **you** **arrived**?
  - **Had** **they** **eaten** dinner?

# Past Perfect – Adverb Placement

- Place adverbs before the verb
- Adverbs: always, only, never, ever, still, just, etc.
  - You had **previously** studied English before you moved to New York.
  - Had you **previously** studied English before you moved to New York?

# Past Perfect - Contractions

- Contraction is optional
- Often done when speaking:

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...

# Past Perfect - Examples

- I **had** never **seen** such a beautiful beach before I went to Kauai.
- I did not have any money because I **had lost** my wallet.
- Tony knew Istanbul so well because he **had visited** the city several times.
- **Had** Susan ever **studied** Thai before she moved to Thailand?
- She only understood the movie because she **had read** the book.
- Kristine **had** never **been** to an opera before last night.
- We were not able to get a hotel room because we **had not booked** in advance.
- A: **Had** you ever **visited** the U.S. before your trip in 2006?  
B: Yes, I **had been** to the U.S. once before.
- By the time Alex finished his studies, he **had been** in London for over eight years.
- They felt bad about selling the house because they **had owned** it for more than forty years.

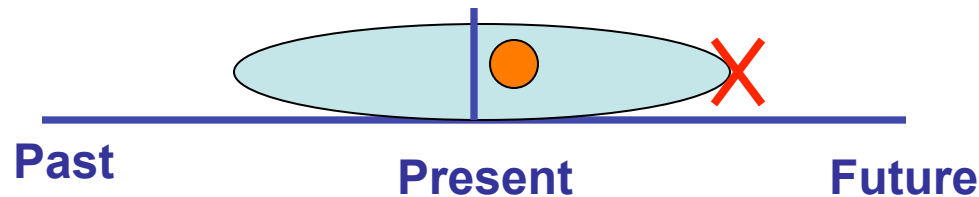
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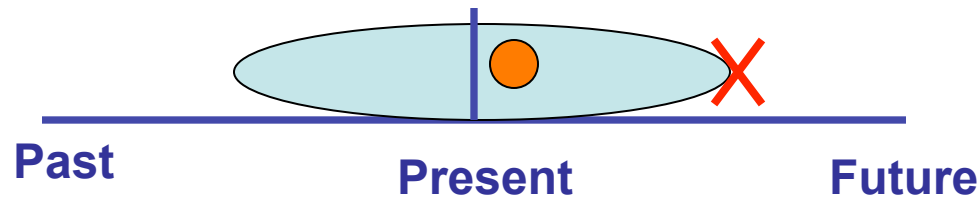
- Simple future:  
He will write a letter.
- Future perfect:  
He will have written a letter.

# Future Perfect



- Express actions completed before a certain time in the future
  - By next November, I **will have received** my promotion.
- Express duration before certain time in the future
  - I **will have been** in London for six months by the time I leave.

# Future Perfect



- **Can't** begin with time expressions: when, while, before, after, by the time, as soon as, if, unless, etc. Use present perfect instead.
  - I am going to see a movie when I **will have finished** my homework. **Incorrect**
  - I am going to see a movie when I **have finished** my homework. **Correct**

# Future Perfect - Positive

Subject

+

will

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**HAVE**  
(Auxiliary  
verb)

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Main verb  
(past participle)

I  
You  
He  
She  
It  
We  
They

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will

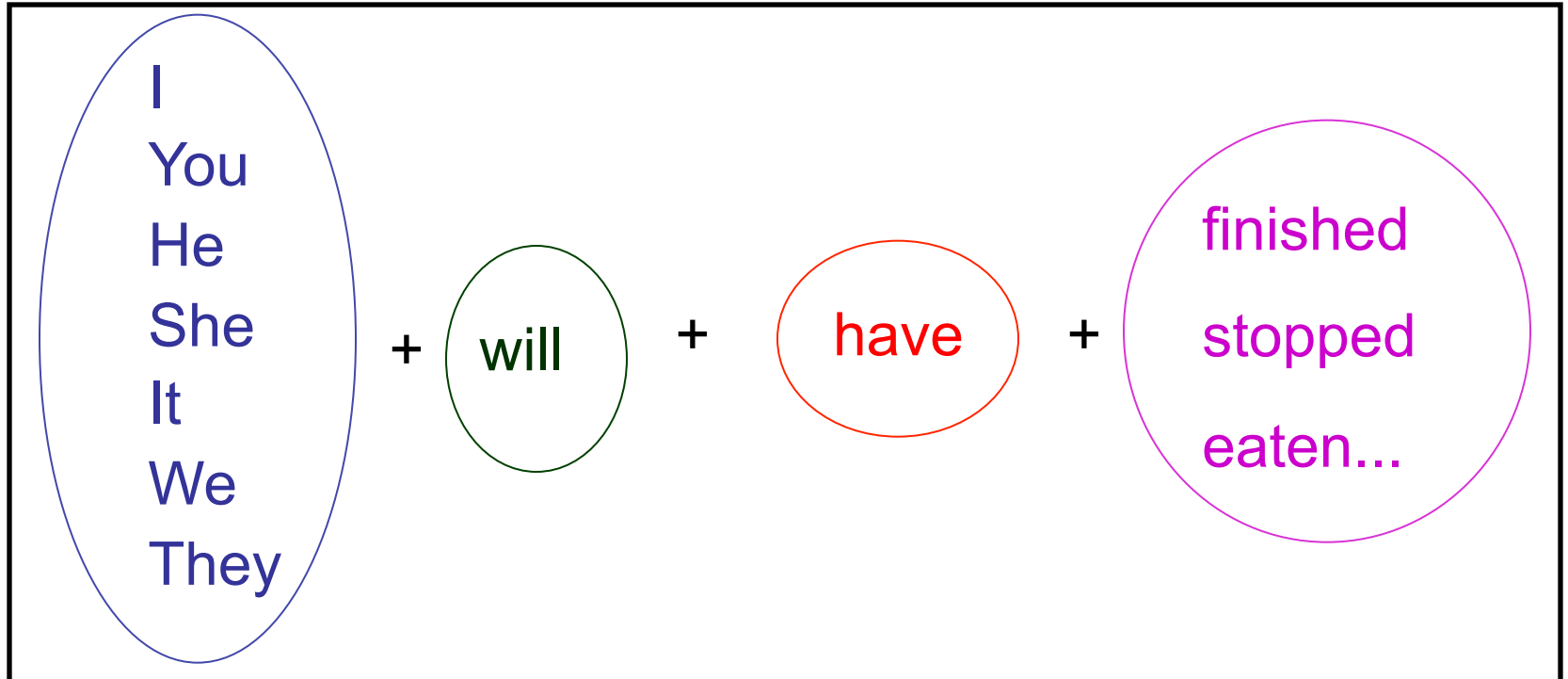
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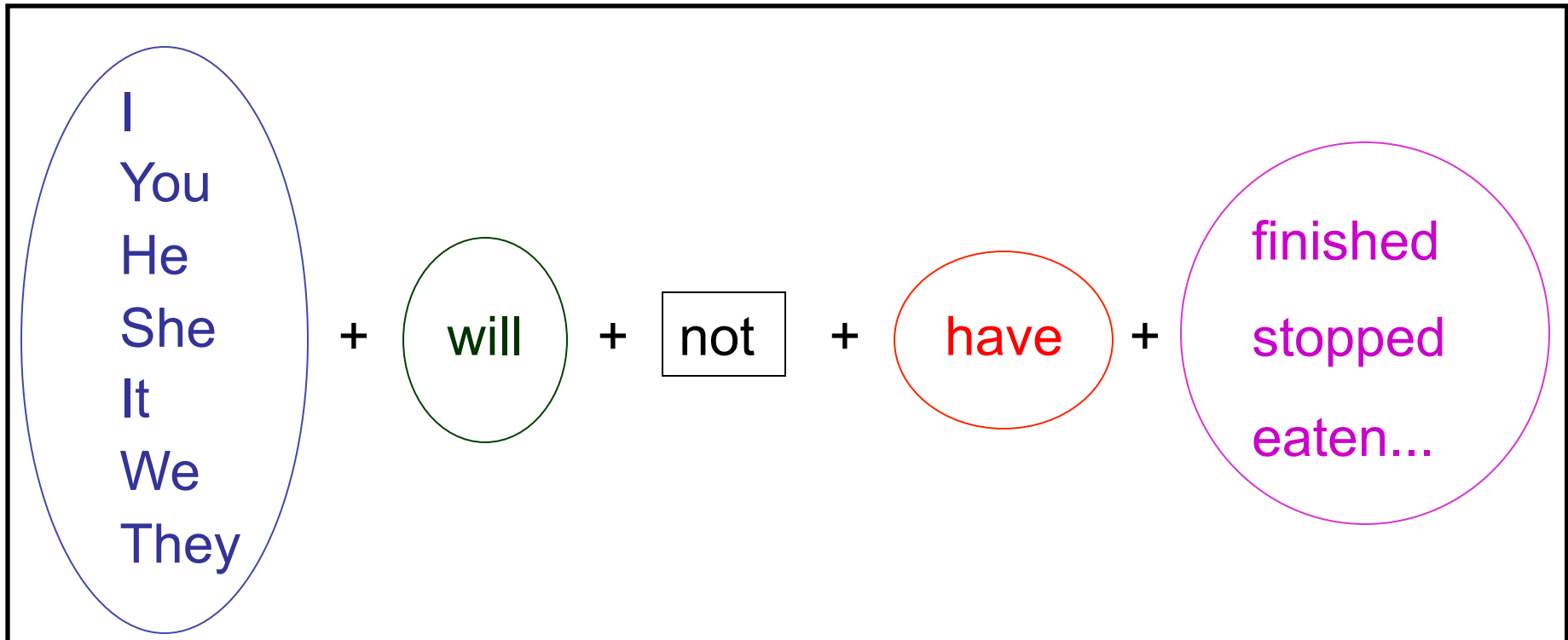
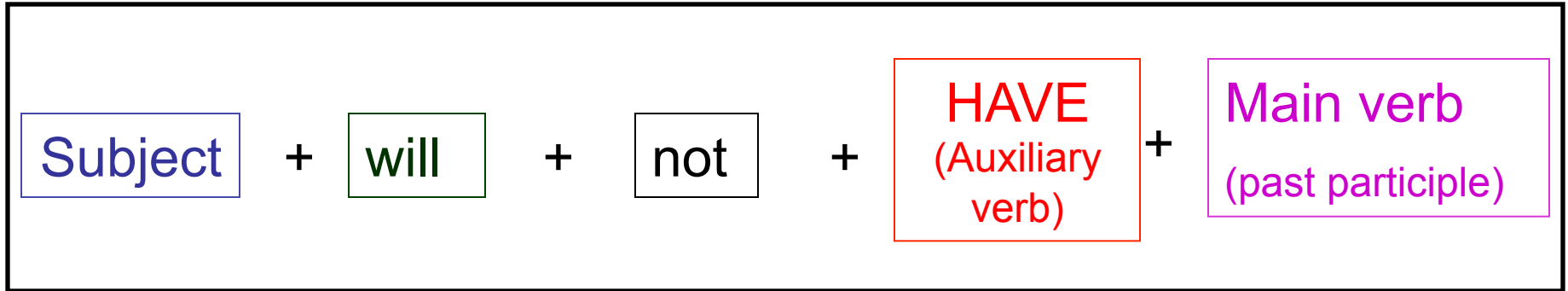
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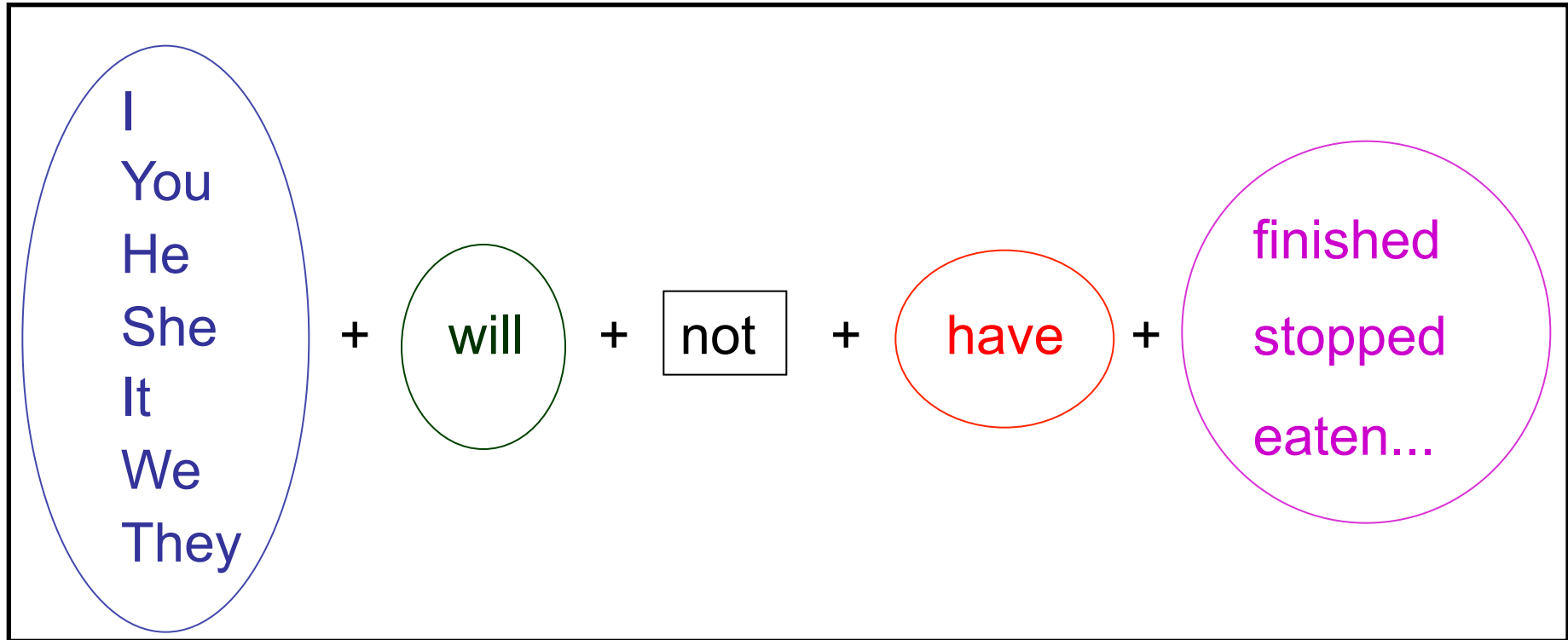


- Examples:
  - **I will have finished** by noon.
  - **You will have forgotten** me by then.

# Future Perfect - Negative

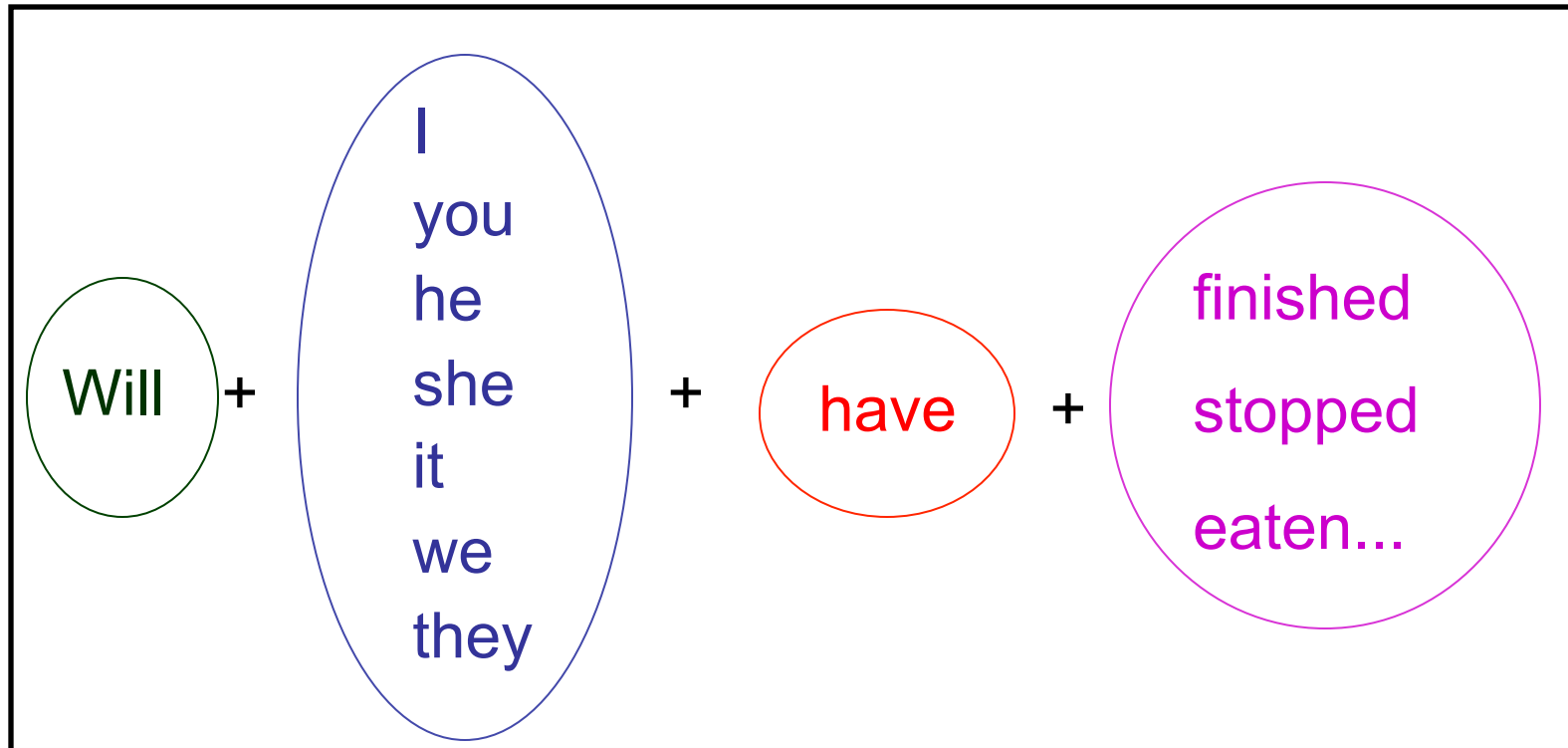
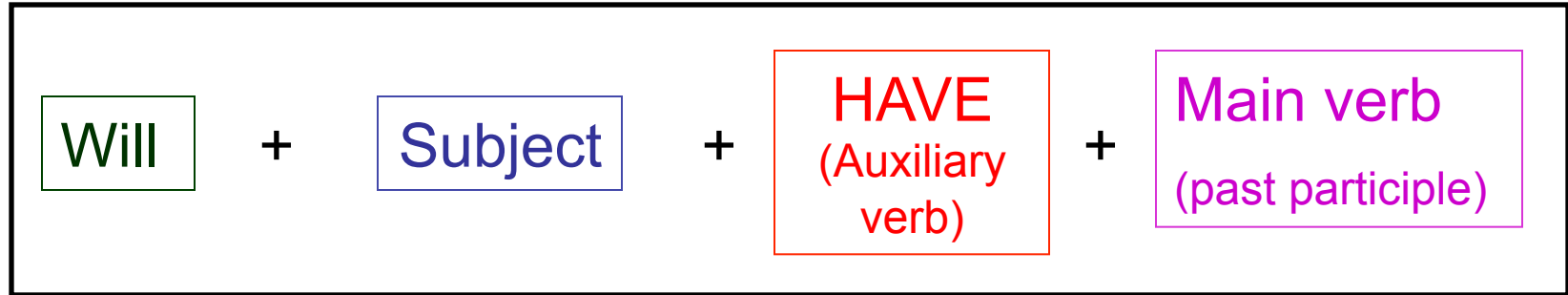


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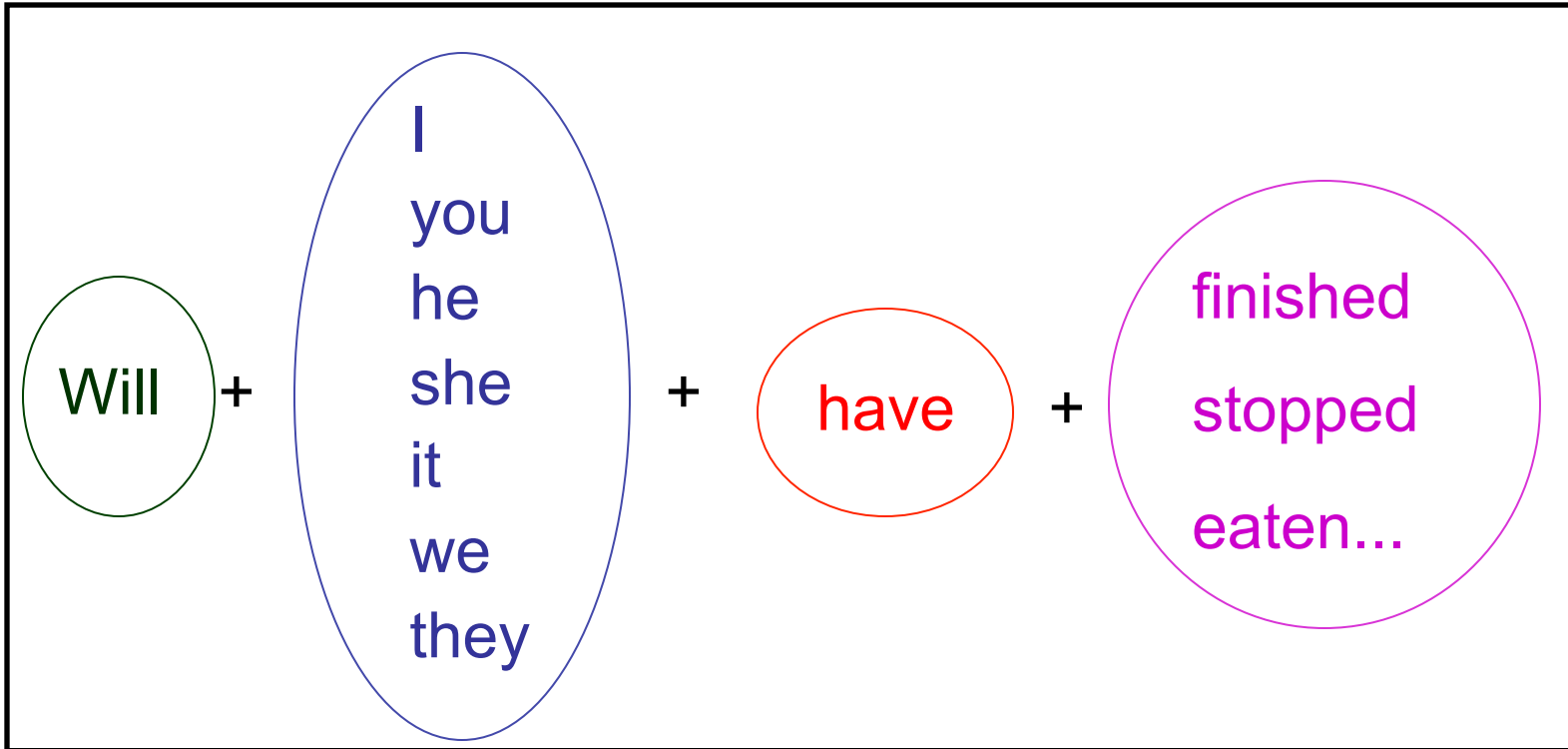
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  - **She will not have gone** to school.
  - **We will not have left.**

# Future Perfect - Questions



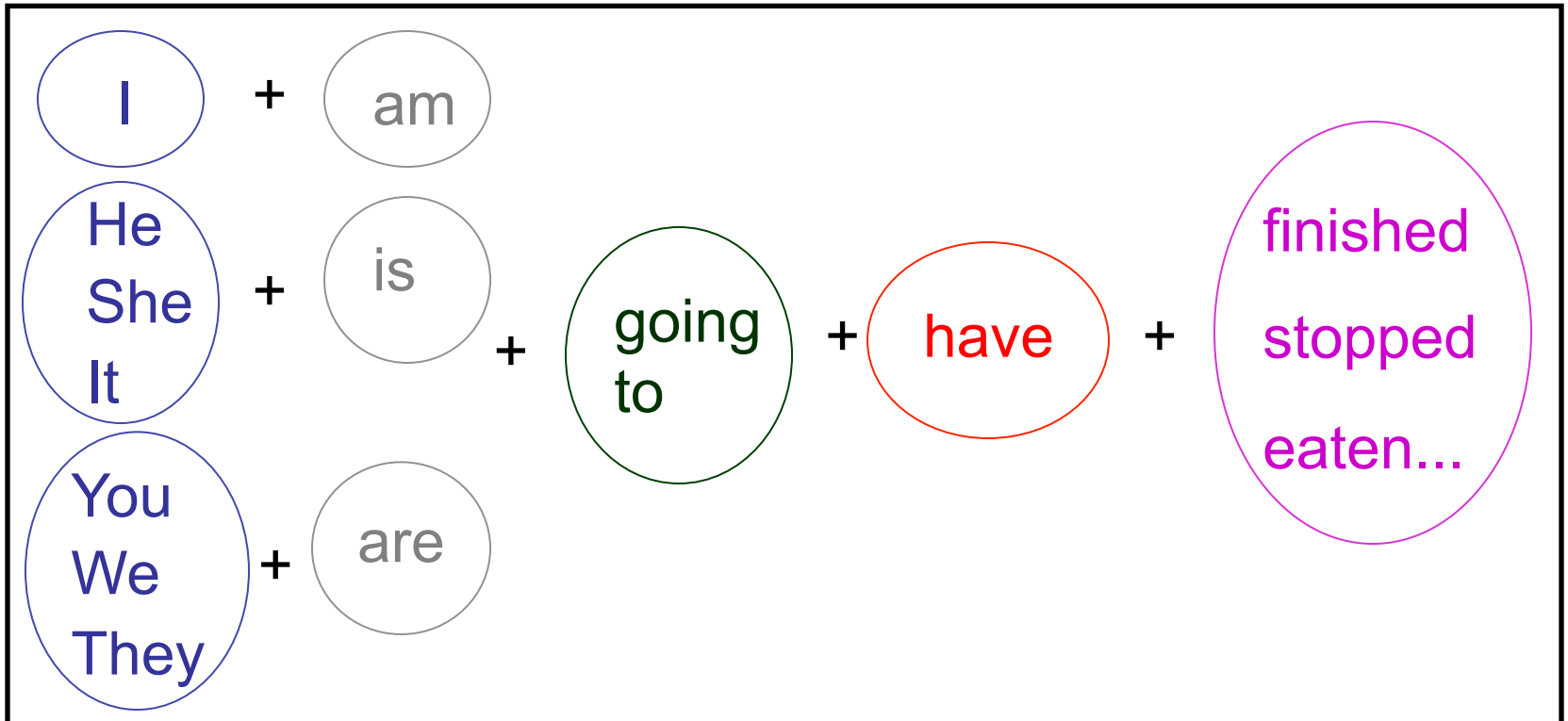
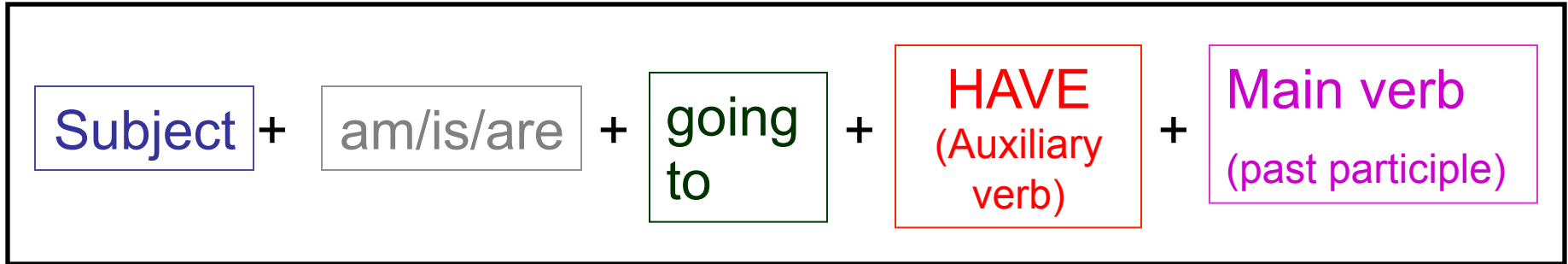


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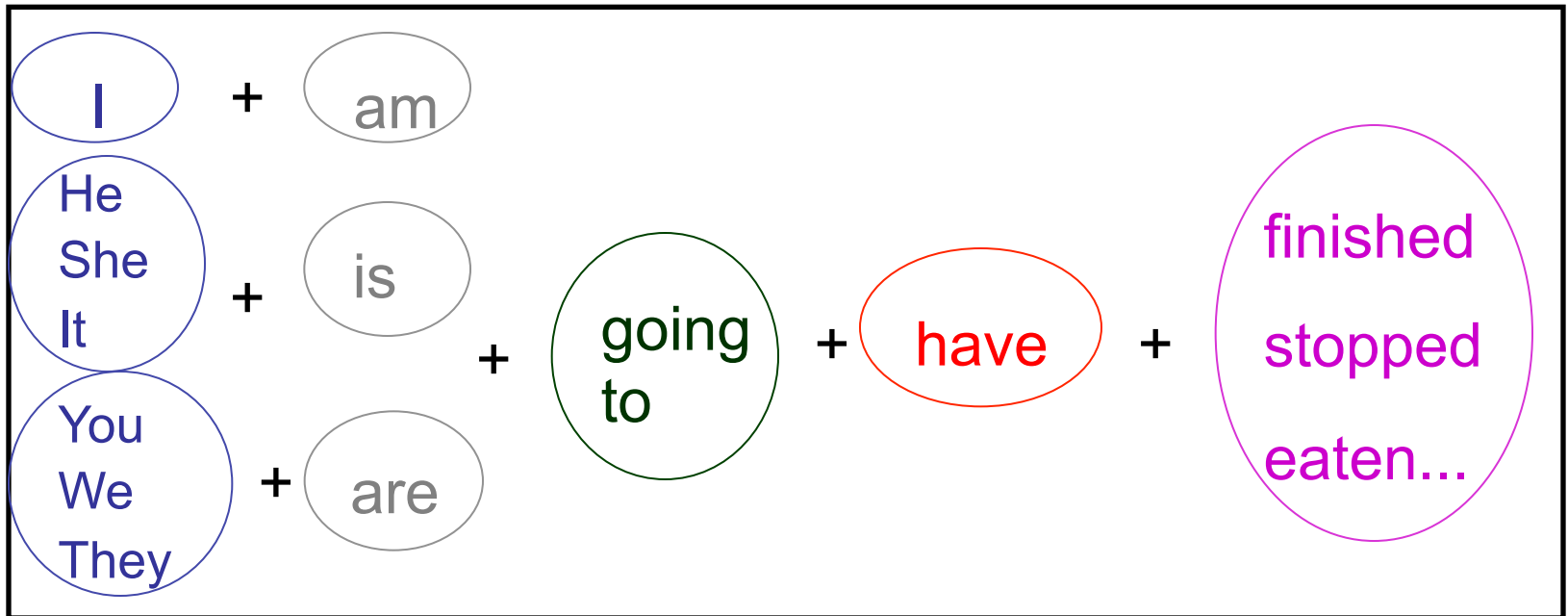


- Examples:
  - **Will you have arrived?**
  - **Will they have received it?**

# Future Perfect – “going to have”



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- **You are going to have perfected** your English by the time you come back from the U.S.
- **Are you going to have perfected** your English by the time you come back from the U.S.?
- **You are not going to have perfected** your English by the time you come back from the U.S.

# Future Perfect - Examples

- By the time he *gets* home, she **is going to have cleaned** the entire house.
- I **am not going to have finished** this test by 3 o'clock.
- **Will** she **have learned** enough Chinese to communicate before she *moves* to Beijing?
- Sam **is** probably **going to have completed** the proposal by the time he *leaves* this afternoon.
- By the time I *finish* this course, I **will have taken** ten tests.
- How many countries **are** you **going to have visited** by the time you *turn* 50?
- By Monday, Susan **is going to have had** my book for a week.

# Questions?



**Back up slides**

# Past Perfect

Examples:

Simple past	• I wrote a letter.
Past perfect	• I had written a letter.

# Past Perfect

Examples:

Past continuous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I had written a letter.</li></ul>
Past perfect continuous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I had been writing a letter.</li></ul>



# Present Perfect

Examples:

Simple present	• I write a letter.
Present perfect	• I have written a letter.

# Past Perfect

Examples:

Present continuous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I am writing a letter.</li></ul>
Present perfect continuous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I have been writing a letter.</li></ul>

# Future Perfect

Examples:

Simple future	• He will write a letter.
Future perfect	• He will have written a letter.

# Future Perfect

Examples:

Future continuous	• He will be writing a letter.
Future perfect continuous	• He will have been writing a letter.

# Present Perfect - Examples

- I **have seen** that movie twenty times.
- I think I **have met** him once before.
- There **have been** many earthquakes in California.
- People **have traveled** to the Moon.
- People **have not traveled** to Mars.
- **Have** you **read** the book yet?
- Nobody **has** ever **climbed** that mountain.
- A: **Has** there ever **been** a war in the United States?  
B: Yes, there **has been** a war in the United States.