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**past simple tense**

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**I was wondering if you'd like to go out with me**

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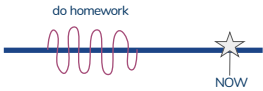
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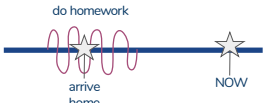
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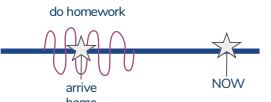
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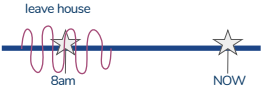
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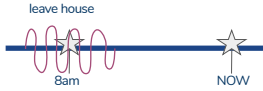
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