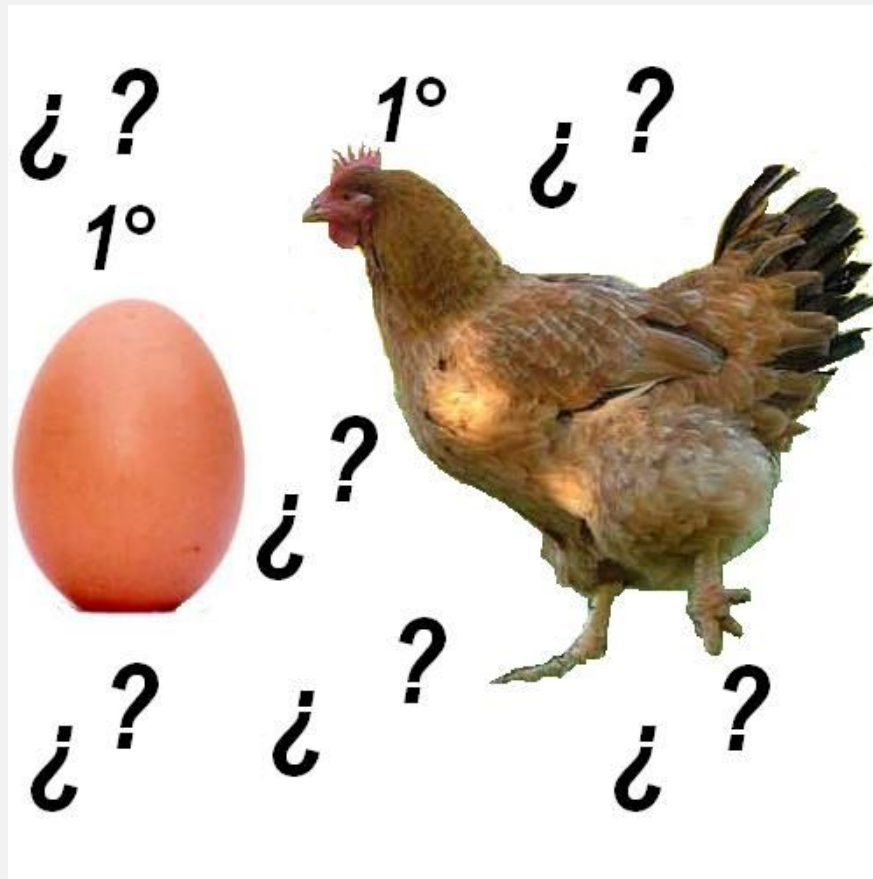
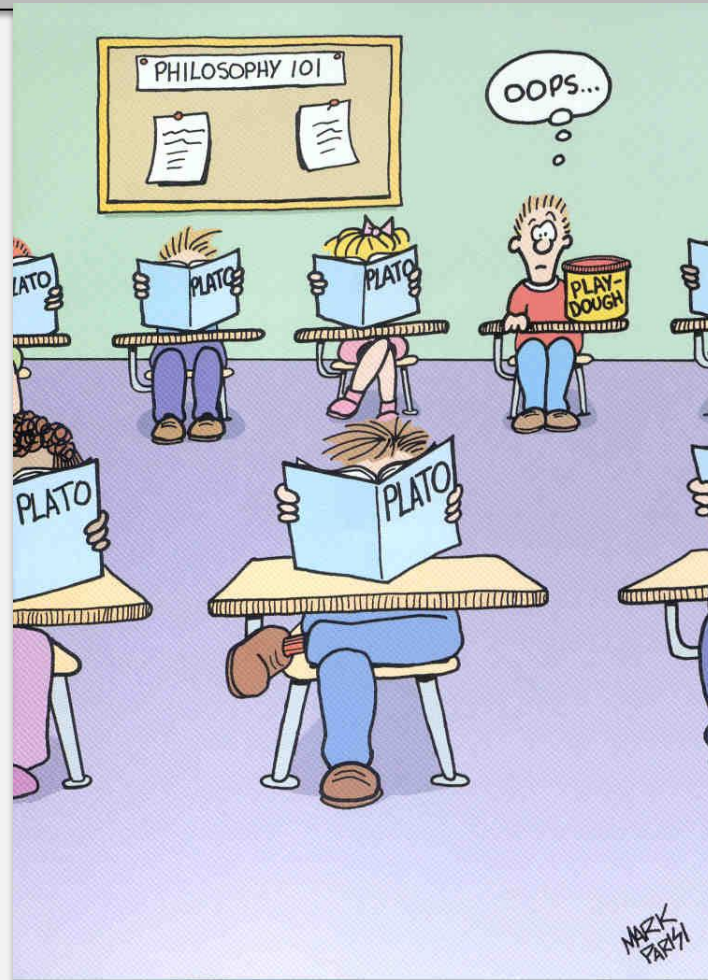
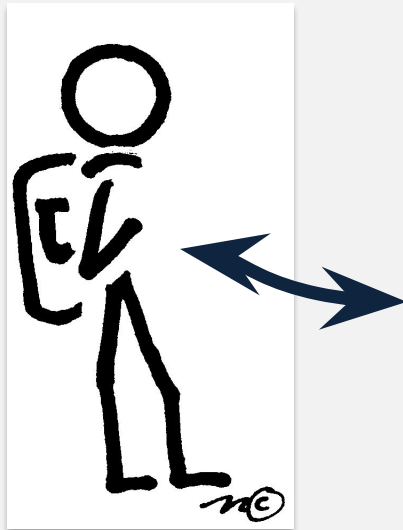


# WHAT HAPPENED FIRST?



- When Kevin arrived to school the class had already started.



- When he turned on the TV, the program had already started.



- When Paul got home , he realized he had left the door open.



- After my son **had gone** to bed, I **watched** a movie.



# TIME EXPRESSIONS

- **By the time** – Ex: **By the time** Doris got to the party, everyone had gone home.
- **After** – Ex: I arrived **after** the teacher had called the roll.
- **Before** – Ex: She had seen the movie **before** she went to bed.
- **When** – Ex: I went to bed **when** I had finished my homework.

# TIME EXPRESSIONS

- Use after, as soon as, until before using the **PAST PERFECT SIMPLE**.  
Ex: **After** she **had moved out**, I found her notes. / I didn't say anything **until** she **had finished** talking. / **As soon as** I had finished my homework, I went to bed.

# TIME EXPRESSIONS

- Use before, when, by the time before the **PAST SIMPLE:**  
Ex. **Before** I **knew** it, she had run out the door. / **By the time** he **phoned** her, she had turned off her cellphone. / She had left **when** I got home.



# EXERCISES

1. After I \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) my lunch, I went back to work.
2. George \_\_\_\_\_ (repair) his car before he went fishing.
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) me she \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a new car.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a new car because some thieves \_\_\_\_\_ (steal) my old one.

# EXERCISES

- 5- After the company \_\_\_\_\_ Joe, he began to work on his first project. (hire)
- 6- \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ the news before you saw it on TV? (hear)
- 7- Michael didn't want to see the movie because he \_\_\_\_\_ the book yet. (not read)
- 8- The concert \_\_\_\_\_ **already** \_\_\_\_\_ when we \_\_\_\_\_ the stadium. (begin/ enter)
- 9- Until Anne \_\_\_\_\_ Mark, she \_\_\_\_\_ **never** \_\_\_\_\_ in love. (meet, be)

# EXERCISES

- 10- Bill \_\_\_\_\_ **for** years before he finally  
\_\_\_\_\_. (smoke/ quit)
- 11- \_\_\_\_\_ Sara **ever** \_\_\_\_\_ to London by herself  
before October? (drive)
- 12- How many fish \_\_\_\_\_ the boys \_\_\_\_\_ by the  
time it started raining? (catch)
- 13- You \_\_\_\_\_ them to go to the beach, hadn't  
you? (forbid)
- 14- The girls \_\_\_\_\_ in weeks. That's why they  
\_\_\_\_\_ so much afterwards. (not exercise / hurt)

**Circle the correct answers. In some cases only one is correct, and in others both are correct.**

1. As James was introduced to Mrs. Snape, he realized that he *had met / met* her before.

2. During the previous week, I had been / went to the gym every evening.
3. He denied that he had taken / took the money from the office.
4. I didn't know the marking would take so long until I had read / read the first couple of essays.
5. The boy told me that he had lost / lost his train ticket and didn't know how he would get home.
6. At the conference, scientists reported that they had found / found a cure for malaria.

7. The teacher guessed that some of the children had cheated / cheated in the exam.

8. Thomas explained that he had gone / went home early because he felt ill.

9. The waiter took my plate away before I had finished / finished eating.

10. Jane didn't want any dinner. She had eaten / ate already.