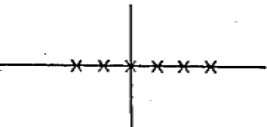
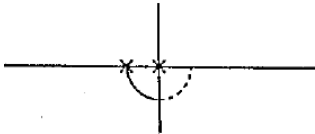

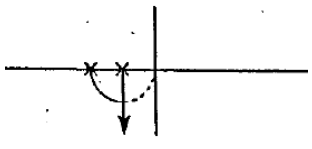
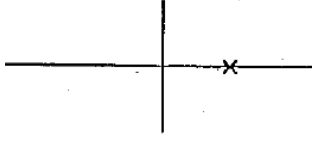

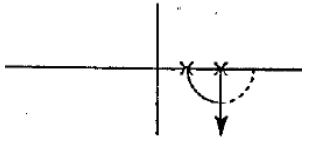


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Simple and Continuous Verb Tenses

Tense	Affirmative/Negative/Question	Use	Signal Words
Simple Present 	A: He speaks quickly. N: He does not speak. Q: Does he speak?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - action in the present, express habitual or everyday activities - facts, general truths - action set by a timetable or schedule 	always, never, normally, often, seldom, sometimes, usually, rarely, occasionally,
Present Continuous 	A: He is speaking right now. N: He is not speaking. Q: Is he speaking?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - action taking place at the moment of speaking - action arranged for the future (agenda future) - express something annoying (She is always...) 	at the moment, Listen!, Look!, now, right now, always, forever, constantly
Simple Past 	A: He spoke 2 minutes ago. N: He did not speak. Q: Did he speak?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - action in the past - actions taking place one after another in the past 	yesterday, 2 minutes ago, in 1990, the other day, last Friday

Tense	Affirmative/Negative/Question	Use	Signal Words
Past Continuous 	A: He was speaking when the bell rang. N: He was not speaking. Q: Was he speaking?	- action was happening when another action occurred - actions taking place at the same time in the past - action in the past that is interrupted by another action	when, while
Simple Future (going to) 	A: He is going to speak to his teacher next week. N: He is not going to speak. Q: Is he going to speak?	- decision made for the future - conclusion about the future	in one year, next week, tomorrow
Simple Future (will) 	A: He will speak to his teacher next week. N: He will not speak. Q: Will he speak?	- decision made for the future - conclusion about the future	in one year, next week, tomorrow
Future Continuous 	A: He will be speaking in class this afternoon. N: He will not be speaking. Q: Will he be speaking?	- action that is going on at a certain time in the future	in one year, next week, tomorrow