

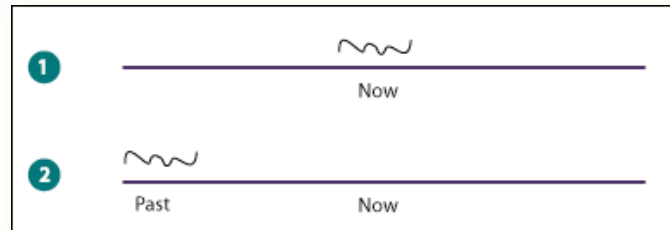
The language of visuals

Describing trends

Using verb tenses

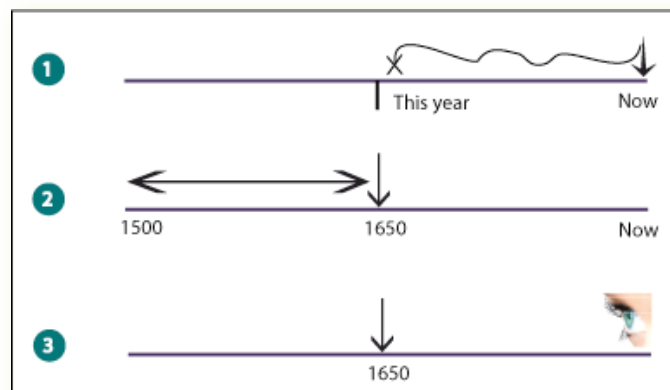
Action in progress

- in the present: « *The temperature is rising sharply at the moment.* »
- in the past: « *The temperature was rising slowly last century.* »



Looking back

- from the present to the past: « *The ice cap has melted by 5% this year.* »
- from earlier in the past to another point in the past: « *The northern ice cap had melted significantly between 1500 AD and 1650 AD but around 1650 the climate changed* »
- in the past and finished: « *The overall temperature dropped sharply around 1650* »



Looking back at action in progress

- action in progress up to a point in the past: « *Deforestation had been increasing rapidly but then new international laws were introduced* »
- action in progress up to the present: « *Sales of tropical wood have been decreasing in all the European markets.* »

