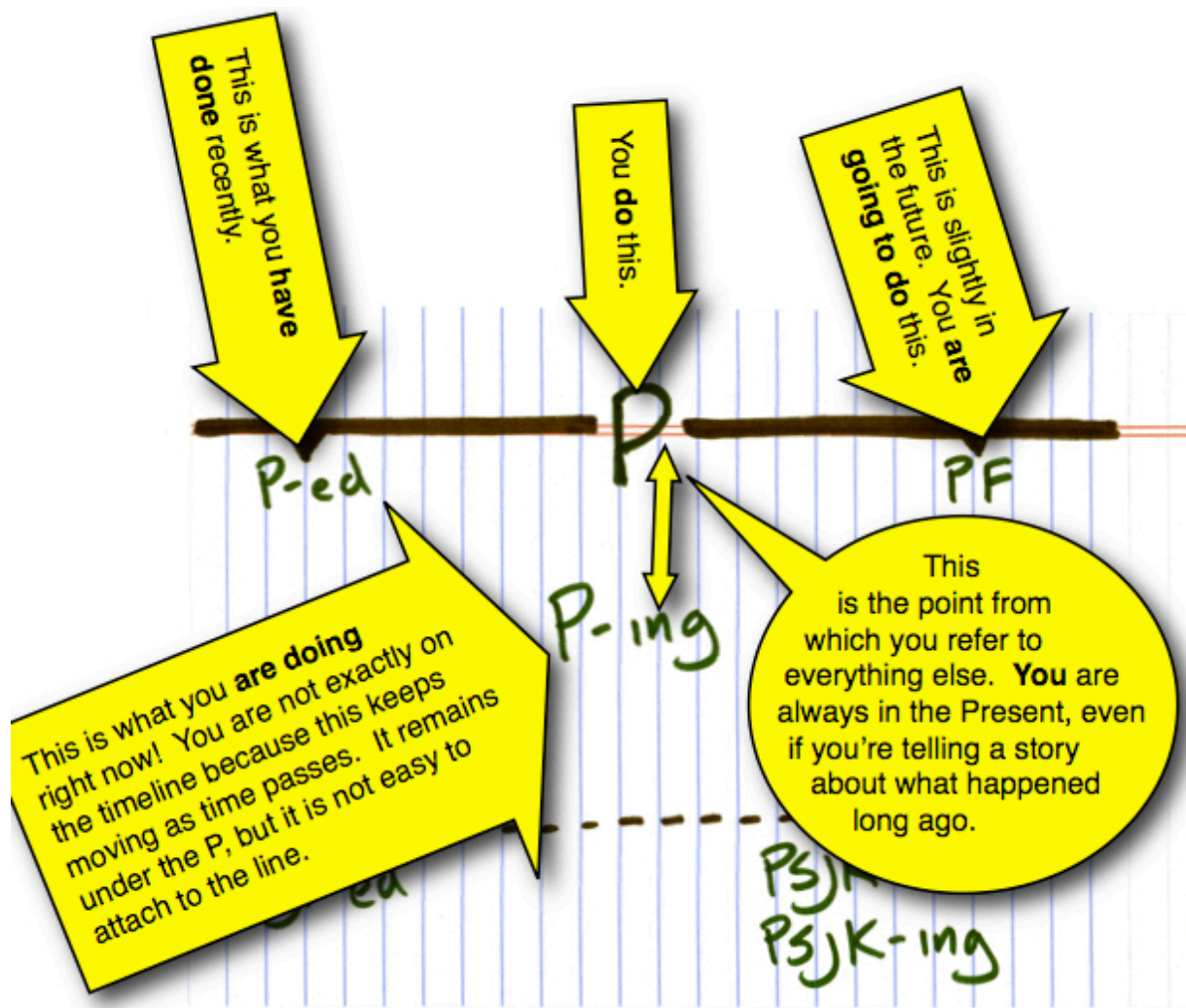
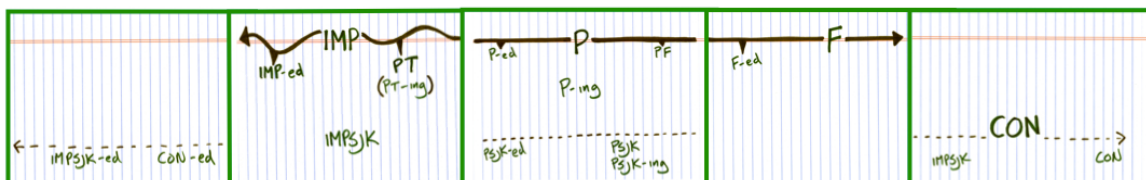


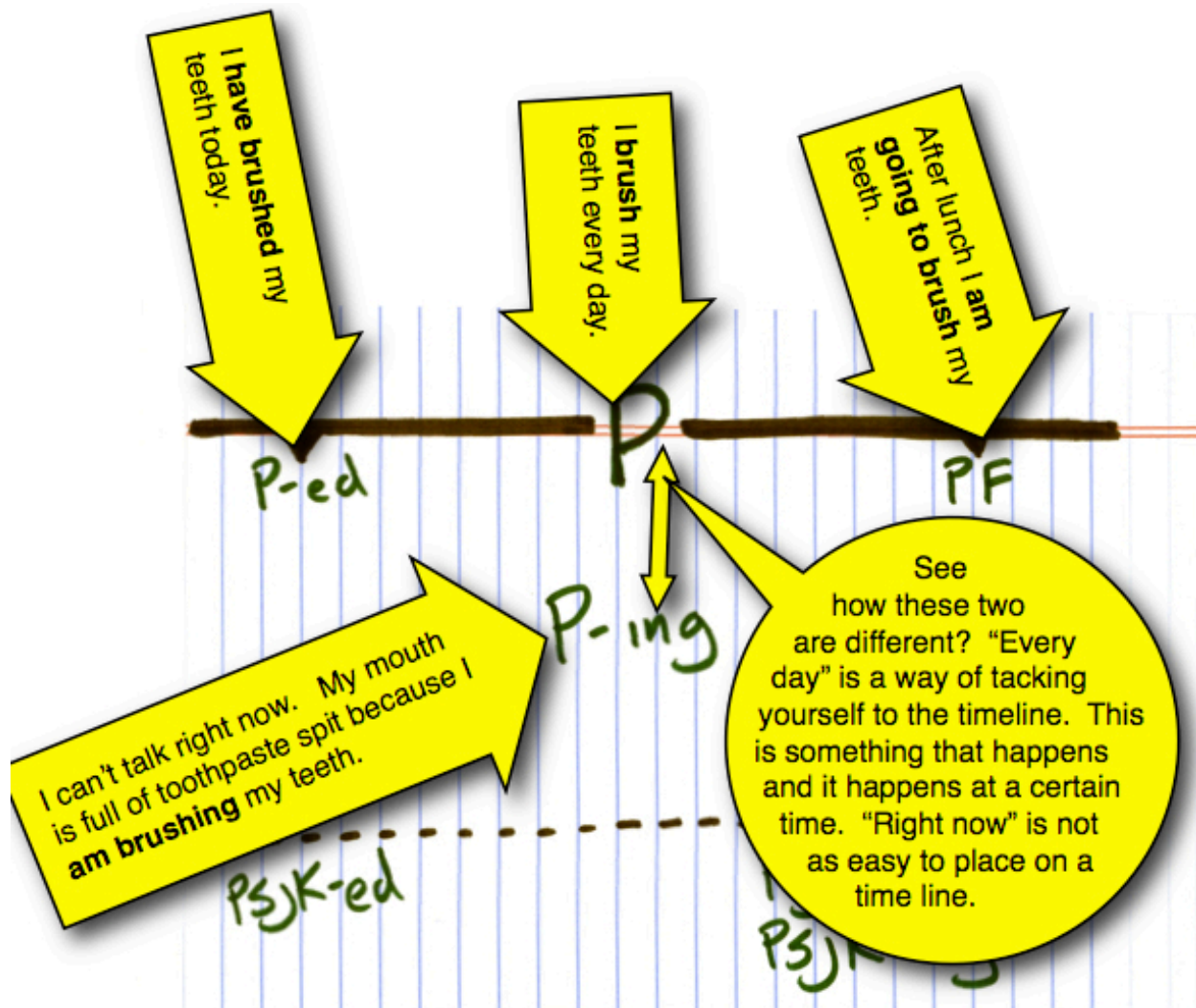
## THE PRESENT TENSE BOX



As a speaker, you are always stuck in the position of The Present. If you want to talk about something that you **“are going to do”** or **“will do,”** then you must slide to the right along the solid line until you find the tense you want. Then change your verb to match that tense.

If you want to tell a story about something that you **“did”** or **“were doing”** then you slide to the box left of this box.

You are not limited to this box. There are four more. This is just the central point on the timeline. This is where you are right now. If you want to talk about The Future, you change your verb toward the right. If you want to talk about The Past, you change your verb toward the left.



Above you have examples of four Present tenses.

The most popular three in everyday speech are **P**, **P-ing**, and **PF**.

**P-ed** is an important building block for tenses you learn later.

**P-ed**, **P**, and **PF** are all on the solid line. **P-ing** will always be directly under **P**. **P-ing** can not be slightly in The Future (to the right) nor slightly in The Past (to the left).