Two verbs - Perfective and Imperfective forms of the same action make a pair. The imperfective verb “чита́ти” means the **action in a process**, but the perfective verb “прочита́ти” indicates the **result of a process**.

The difference between Imperfective and [Perfective](http://lightrussian.com/perfective-verbs-in-russian-language/) forms of the verbs are similar to difference between “I was reading” and “I’ve read”. First version means action in process and the second – complete one.

1. When we talk about the RESULT of action (never repeated again) we use **perfective form**. For instance:

Я купив дуже смачні пиріжки (I’ve bought very delicious pastries. Here is the result, the pastries are at the table)

Ця дівчина прочитала всю книгу (The girl has read the whole book. Here: has finished the book and put it away)

2. But if we want to say that the action repeats itself, habitual action or it is an ongoing action, we use **imperfective form:**

Вчора я читав книгу три години (Yesterday I was reading the book for 3 hours. Isn’t it the process? Then we use imperfective verb)

Мої друзі вибирали новий автомобіль цілий день (My friends were choosing a new car for the whole day – again the process, because it’s not a piece of cake to choose a car!)

**Verb aspect is connected with the  tense.**

Imperfective verbs signify  action as a process that started in the past, is taking place in the present.

Perfective verbs mostly indicate the RESULT of an action that happened in the past, or will happen in the future.

Perfective verbs are used only in the past and simple future tense and have **no present.**