

# **EXPRESSING PAST TIME**

## **Part 1**

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I am in class today.

I was in class yesterday.





## PRESENT TIME

(a) I ***am*** in class ***today***.

(c) Jun ***is*** here ***today***.

(e) We ***are*** happy ***today***.

## PAST TIME

(b) I ***was*** in class ***yesterday***.

(d) Jun ***was*** here ***yesterday***.

(f) We ***were*** happy ***yesterday***.



## SIMPLE PAST TENSE OF *BE*

Singular

Plural

*I was*

*we were*

*you were*

*you were*

*she was*

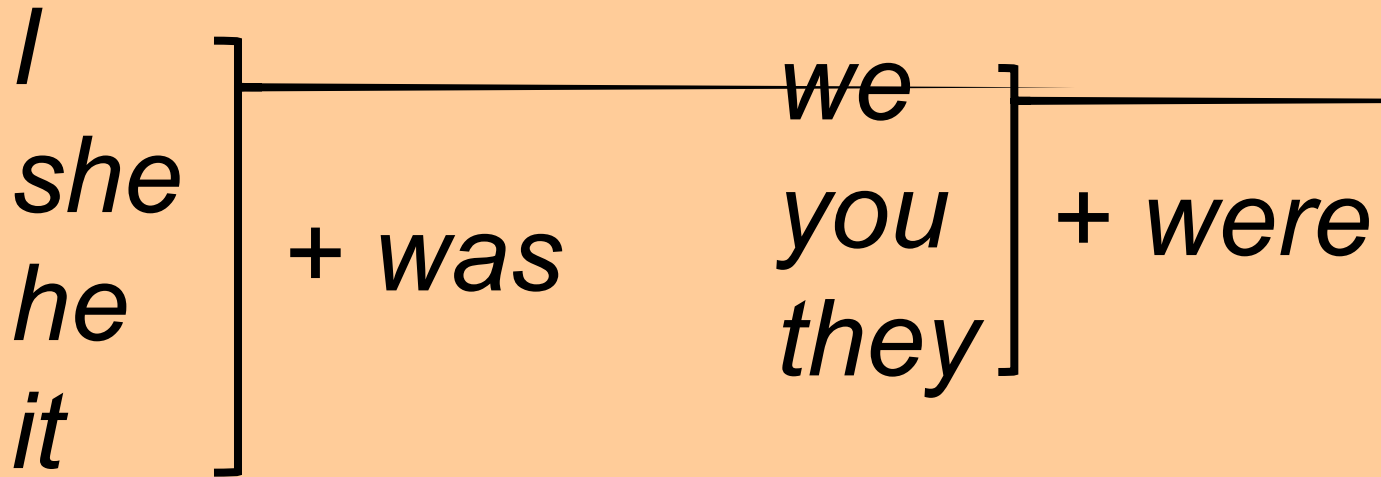
*they were*

*he was*

*it was*



## SIMPLE PAST TENSE OF *BE*





be

present past

I was at work ~~today~~ yesterday.





be

present

past

He was in the pool ~~today~~ week.







be

present

past

The moon was huge ~~tonight~~.





## Directions for the teacher:

- The next slide contains questions that can be answered by typing on the screen. The grey boxes accept data entry. Click on them, in any order, to answer the questions. Anything typed in the boxes will not be saved unless you purposefully save the file.
- Of course, you can have students answer orally and not display their answer.



present

The water **is** warm today.

past



(click and type)



I was not in class yesterday.





(a) I ***was not*** in class yesterday.

(b) She ***wasn't*** in class yesterday.

***was + not = wasn't***

*I*  
*she*  
*he*  
*it*

+ ***wasn't***



(c) You **were not** home last night.

(d) You **weren't** home last night.

**were + not = weren't**

we  
you  
they

+ weren't



Jared is in class this morning, but he wasn't in class yesterday morning.





They are in London tonight, but  
they weren't in London last night.





I am happy today, but  
I wasn't happy yesterday.





The weather is nice this week, but it wasn't nice last week.





Were you in class yesterday?





YES/NO

QUESTION

SHORT ANSWER

+

LONG ANSWER

(a) **Were you** in class yesterday?

(*be*) + (subject)

**Yes, we were.**

We were in class yesterday.



YES/NO

QUESTIONS

SHORT ANSWER

+ LONG ANSWER

(a) **Were you** in class yesterday?

(*be*) + (subject)

**No, we weren't.**

We weren't in class yesterday.



YES/NO

QUESTIONS

SHORT  
ANSWER

+

LONG ANSWER

(b) **Was Jean** at the library last week?  
(*be*) + (subject)

**Yes, she was.**

She was at the library last week.



YES/NO

QUESTION

SHORT ANSWER

+

LONG ANSWER

(b) ***Was Jean*** at the library last week?  
(*be*) + (subject)

***No, she wasn't.*** She wasn't at the library last week.



## INFORMATION QUESTIONS

SHORT ANSWER

+

LONG ANSWER

(c) ***Where was Bill*** last winter?

*Where* + (*be*) + (subject)

***In Mexico.***

He was in Mexico last winter.





## INFORMATION QUESTIONS

SHORT ANSWER

+

LONG ANSWER

(d) ***Where were they*** last month?

*Where* + (*be*) + (subject)

***On vacation.***

They were on vacation last month.



Was Andrea in class on Friday?

No, she wasn't.

She wasn't in class on Friday.



Were you and Simi at the lake last week?

Yes, we were

We were at the lake last week.





Was Nina with you last week?

No, she wasn't She wasn't with me.

.



We walked to school.





## SIMPLE PRESENT

(a) We ***walk*** to school ***every day***.

## SIMPLE PAST

(b) We ***walked*** to school ***yesterday***.



## SIMPLE PRESENT

(c) Hakim **walks** to school ***every day***.

## SIMPLE PAST

(d) Hakim **walked** to school ***yesterday***.



verb + **-ed** = the simple past

*I*  
*you*  
*she*  
*he*  
*it*  
*we*  
*they*

+ *walked* (verb + **-ed**)





Every day I brush my teeth.

Yesterday I brushed my teeth.





Every day Julie plays the piano.  
Yesterday she played the piano.





Every day Edgar cooks.

Yesterday he cooked.



Bob and Helen were here  
yesterday.





*YESTERDAY*

(a) Bob was here ...

*yesterday.*

*yesterday morning.*

*yesterday afternoon.*

*yesterday evening.*



(b) Eve was here ...

*LAS  
T*

*last night.*

*last week.*

*last month.*

*last year.*

*last spring.*

*last summer.*

*last Monday.*

*last Friday.*



**AGO**

(c) Omar was here ... *five minutes ago.*

*two hours ago.*

*six days ago.*

*a month ago.*

*a year ago.*

*ten years ago.*



*yesterday* with

*morning*  
*afternoon*  
*evening*





*last* with

*night*  
*long periods of time*  
*seasons*  
*days of the week*



## length of time

*five minutes*  
*two hours*  
*six days*  
*a month*  
*five months*  
*one year*  
*ten years*

+ *ago*  
(in the past)



**yesterday last**

We went to the movies yesterday afternoon.





I called you last week.



**yesterday**  
**last**



Janice left for South America  
yesterday morning.



**yesterday**  
**last**



The sky was beautiful last night.



**yesterday**  
**last**



# THE SIMPLE PAST: IRREGULAR VERBS (GROUP 1)

eat



ate





PRESENT

***come***

I ***come*** home  
***every***  
***afternoon.***

PAST

***came***

I ***came*** home  
***this***  
***afternoon.***





PRESENT

*go*

I *go* swimming  
*every*  
*Tuesday.*

PAST

*went*

I *went*  
swimming  
*last Tuesday.*



PRESENT

*write*

I *write* a letter to  
my grandmother  
*every week.*

PAST

*wrote*

I *wrote* a letter  
to her *last*  
*week.*



I have ice cream every Sunday. I had ice cream last Sunday.





What did I  
do last  
Sunday?

You had  
ice cream.

**have**  
**had**





She sits at her desk to study every night. She sat at her desk last night.





What did she do last night?

She sat at her desk.

**sit**  
**sat**





She sees her best friend every weekend. She saw her last weekend.





What did she  
do last  
weekend?

She saw her  
best friend.



**see**  
**saw**





I did not walk to school yesterday.





SUBJECT + *DID* + *NOT* + MAIN VERB

(a) I            *did*    *not*    *drive* to work yesterday.

(b) You        *did*    *not*    *drive* to work yesterday.

(c) Mike      *did*    *not*    *cook* dinner yesterday.

(d) They      *did*    *not*    *drive* to work yesterday.



## THE SIMPLE PAST: NEGATIVE

*I*  
*you*  
*she*  
*he*  
*it*  
*we*  
*they*

+ **did not** + main verb



(e) I **didn't** *watch* a movie last night.

(f) Ade **didn't** *play* soccer yesterday.

NEGATIVE CONTRACTION

**did** + **not** = **didn't**



We don't eat breakfast every day.  
We ate breakfast Monday, but we  
           didn't eat breakfast Tuesday.





I don't sleep well every night. I  
well last night, but I <sup>slept</sup> ~~didn't sleep~~ well  
on Thursday night.



Did Laurie walk to work?





## THE SIMPLE PAST: YES/NO QUESTIONS

***DID*** + SUBJECT + MAIN VERB

(a) ***Did*** ***Laurie*** ***walk*** to work?

***Yes, she did.*** She walked to work.





*DID* + SUBJECT + MAIN VERB

(a) *Did Laurie walk* to school?

*No, she didn't.* She didn't walk to school.



## THE SIMPLE PAST: YES/NO QUESTIONS

***DID*** + SUBJECT + MAIN VERB

(b) ***Did***      ***you***      ***practice***      the violin?

***Yes, I did.***

I practiced the violin.





## THE SIMPLE PAST: YES/NO QUESTIONS

**DID** + SUBJECT + MAIN VERB

(b) **Did**      *you*                      **practice**                      the violin?

***No, I didn't.***      I didn't practice the violin.





Did you see your dad today?

Yes, I did.  
I saw my  
dad today.





Did you see your brother today ?

Yes, I did.  
I saw my brother today.





What did you  
do last night?

We went to a  
party last night.





Did Andrea go  
on vacation ?

Yes, she did.  
Andrea went on  
vacation.





# IRREGULAR VERBS (GROUP 2)

bring



brought





PRESENT

*bring*

I *always bring* gifts to birthday parties.

PAST

*brought*

I *brought* a gift to your party *yesterday*.



PRESENT

*drive*

She *drives* to school.

PAST

*drove*

She *drove* to school *today*.



PRESENT

*run*

He *ran*  
*runs* to  
school.

PAST

He *ran* to school  
*this morning.*



PRESENT

*buy*

*catch*

*drink*

*read*

*ride*

*shut*

*teach*

*think*

PAST

*bought*

*caught*

*drank*

*read*

*rode*

*shut*

*taught*

*thought*



I ride my horse every Sunday

I rode him last Sunday.

ride  
rode

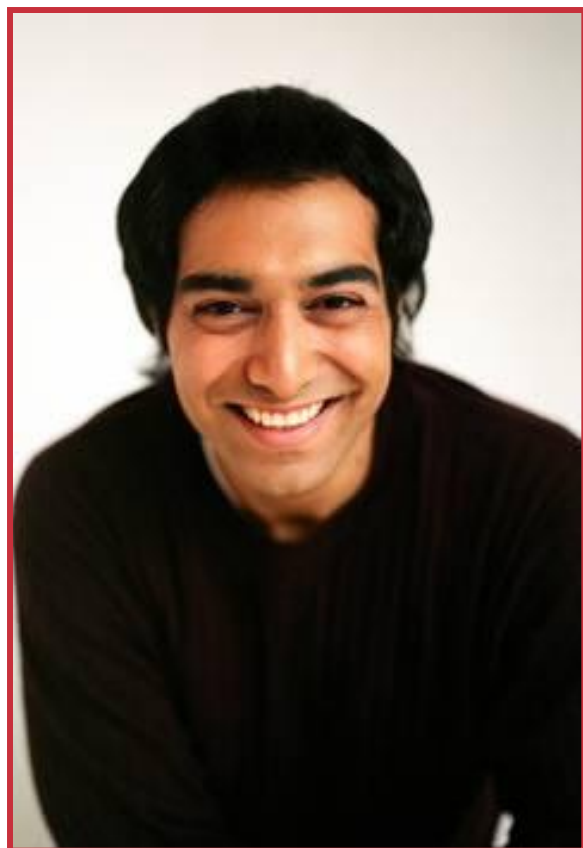


What did I do  
last Sunday?

You rode your  
horse.



ride  
rode



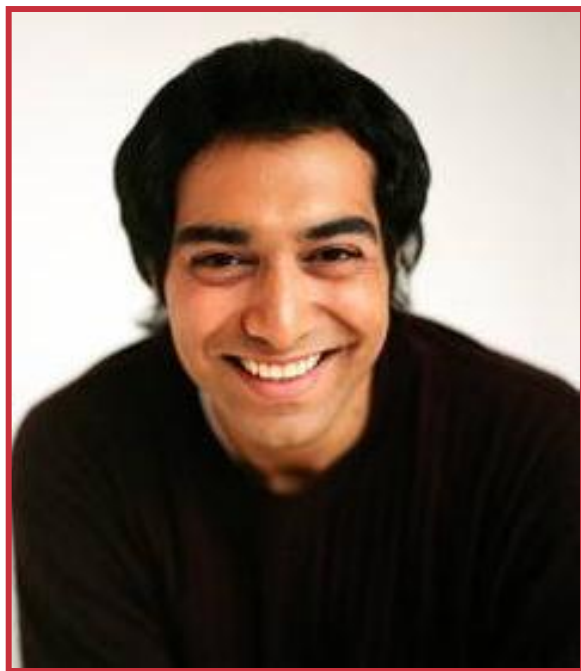
I teach a class every  
Monday night. I taught a  
class last Monday night.

teach  
taught



What did I do  
last Monday?

You taught a  
class .



teach  
taught





Someone broke the window.





PRESENT

*break*

That child  
*breaks*  
everything.

PAST

*broke*

She *broke* my  
coffee cup.



PRESENT

*meet*

I can *meet* you  
after school.

PAST

*met*

They *met* in their  
English class.



PRESENT

*sing*

I like to  
*sing*  
new songs.

PAST

*sang*

I *sang* a new  
song  
*last night.*



PRESENT

*wake up*

Sometimes I  
*wake*  
*up* very early.

PAST

*woke up*

*Today* I *woke*  
*up* late.



PRESENT

*fly*

*hear*

*leave*

*pay*

*ring*

*send*

*speak*

*take*

PAST

*flew*

*heard*

*left*

*paid*

*rang*

*sent*

*spoke*

*took*



I send email every day. I  
sent email today.



**send**  
**sent**



What did I  
do today?

You sent  
email .

**send**  
**sent**







I sing in my car every day. Yesterday I sang a new song.

sing  
sang



What did I  
do yesterday?

You sang a  
new song.

sing  
sang





# IRREGULAR VERBS (GROUP 4)

begin



began



PRESENT

*begin*

People usually  
*begin* college  
at  
age 18.

PAST

*began*

She *began*  
college  
at age 25.



PRESENT

***wear***

I ***wear*** a uniform  
at my new job.

PAST

***wore***

I ***wore*** regular  
clothes at my  
old job.



PRESENT

*find*

*lose*

*hang*

*say*

*sell*

*steal*

*tell*

*tear*

PAST

*found*

*lost*

*hung*

*said*

*sold*

*stole*

*told*

*tore*



I like to sell things I don't use any more. Yesterday I sold my old baseball.

**sell**  
**sold**





What did I do  
yesterday?



You sold your  
old baseball.

**sell**  
**sold**







I always hang my tools on my garage wall. Last weekend I ~~hung~~ the rake on the garage wall.

**hang**  
**hung**



What did I do  
yesterday?

hang  
hung

You hung your  
rake on the  
garage wall

