

The Past



Quotes to Discuss

“No man is rich enough to buy back his past.”

— Oscar Wilde

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“History is the version of past events that people have decided to agree upon.”

— Napoleon Bonaparte

Simple Past

To form the simple past for regular verbs
ADD -ed to the base verb

work -----> worked

Simple Past

Negative statements

ADD did not + base verb (NO -ed!!)

I

You

He/She/It did not work

We

They

Simple Past

To form questions:

Did + subject + base verb

Did you work?

Irregular Verbs in the Past

Grammar Workbook p 32

GO

I

You

He She It went

We

They

Irregular Verbs

Partners:

1. Look at your irregular verb worksheet and Oxford Dictionary p 34.

2. Make up sentences about your family in the past using irregular verbs.

Example: My grandfather was a pilot in World War II.

3. Write down these sentences in your writing journal to share with the class

Past Continuous

Grammar Workbook p 36

Use the past continuous to talk about actions that were happening at a specific time in the past.

Past form of be (was/were) + verb(ing)

She was running.

While

While - at the same time or during

-talks about an action that is continuing

PAST CONTINUOUS comes after while

While they were sleeping the fire started.

When

When - specific time, movement in time

SIMPLE PAST comes after when

They were sleeping when the fire started.

When and While

Show that one past action interrupted another past action

While I was talking the cow interrupted me.

Interrupting Cow



Time Clauses

Start with words like when, while, before, after

While I was driving, the earthquake shook the ground.

When I went to the store, the rain started.

Before he started his car, the car exploded

After I went to the store, the volcano erupted.

Group Charades Project

1. Make up a scenario about a family in natural disaster.
2. Every sentence must begin with before, after, while, or when.
3. Write each sentence in the PAST tense using simple past or past continuous.
4. As a group you will act out the scene for the class.

For Example

I was eating my dinner when the tornado hit my house.

While my husband was calling 911, I ran upstairs to get my baby.

Before the police arrived, the baby was crying.

After the baby stopped crying, I called my mother.

Used To

"used to" refers to something that was done in the past.

She used to run everyday.

I used to eat meat.

Writing

1. Make up questions based on the information
2. Write only YOUR answers down in your writing journal.

Example: 1. go out at night

Q: Did you used to go out at night a lot?

A: No, I didn't. I sometimes used to go to concerts or the theater.

Writing Continued

1. Use the answers to make a paragraph about your life 5 years ago.
2. Use vocabulary about your family.
2. Write the title at the top
"My Life Five Years Ago"
3. Indent the first line.
4. Make 1st sentence a topic sentence (main idea)