

Simple Past Tense

The past tense is used to talk about an action that took place in the past.
El tiempo pasado se utiliza para hablar de una acción que tuvo lugar en el pasado.

To form the past tense, take the infinitive form and add -ed to the end. For example: need + ed = needed.
Para formar el tiempo pasado, tome la forma infinitiva y agregue -ed al final.

If the word already ends in 'e', add -d to the end. For example: like + d = liked.
Si la palabra ya termina en 'e', agregue -d al final.

If the word ends in 'y', change the 'y' into 'I' and add -ed. For example: try; try + i + ed = tried
Si la palabra termina en 'y', cambie la 'y' por 'I' y agregue -ed.

Practice: find the verb and make it past tense. *encontrar el verbo y hacerlo pasado tiempo*

1. *I call my friend every day.* _____ *I called my friend every day* _____.
2. He loves playing the guitar. _____.
3. They clean windows on Tuesdays. _____.
4. She works at an office. _____.
5. You like to read. _____.
6. I want chocolate all week long. _____.
7. I talk to my mom on Sunday. _____.
8. They try to be healthy. _____.

The verb 'to be' is irregular. Here is how to conjugate 'to be' in the past tense:

El verbo 'ser/estar' es irregular. Aquí es cómo conjugar 'ser/estar' en el pasado:

Present Tense <i>el presente</i>	Past Tense <i>el pasado</i>
I am	I was
You are	You were
He is, she is	She was, he was
We are	We were
You (all) are	You (all) were
They are	They were

Use the past tense for 'to be' *Usa el tiempo pasado para 'estar/ser'*

1. *She* was *working at a hospital.*
2. *They* _____ *students.*
3. *We* _____ *helping.*
4. *I* _____ *a teacher.*
5. *You* _____ *my friend.*
6. *He* _____ *teaching me English.*
7. *I* _____ *eating lunch.*
8. *John* _____ *studying.*

Intermediate: irregular simple past tense

Irregular verbs: some verbs do not use -ed for their past tense.

Verbos irregulares: algunos verbos no usan -ed para su tiempo pasado.

For instance, 'write' in the past tense is 'wrote'.

Por ejemplo, "write" en el tiempo pasado es "wrote".

Here are some irregular verbs with their present/past tense forms:

Aquí hay algunos verbos irregulares con sus formas tensas presentes / pasadas:

go/went	see/saw	have/had	teach/taught	can/could	do/did	sit/sat
hold/held	know/knew	read/read (note pronunciation)	write/wrote	stand/stood		
take/took	make/made	try/tried	fly/flew	catch/caught	let/let	say/said
eat/ate	sell/sold	get/got	forget/forgot	buy/bought	break/broke	find/found

Practice: Use the past tense *Usa el tiempo pasado*

1. I want to **write** and **sell** books. I _____ **wrote** _____ and _____ **sold** _____ books as a writer.
2. Where did you **go** today? I _____ to the post office.
3. I need to **catch** my train. I _____ my train just in time!
4. Listen to what I **say**. I _____ listen!
5. What did you do today? (**teach**) Today, I _____ English.
6. Where did he **go**? He _____ to school.
7. How did you get to France? (**fly**) We _____ on an airplane.
8. She needs to **see** a doctor. She _____ a doctor last Monday.
9. **Can** you play the piano? I _____, but I (**break**) _____ my arm.
10. Where did they **find** that? They _____ it when they (**be**) _____ in Mexico.
11. Did you **read** yesterday? Yes, I _____ a book about jobs.
12. Do you **know** Jim? We _____ him when he (**be**) _____ at school.
13. Do you have any stamps? (**sell**) Sorry, I _____ the last ones five minutes ago.
14. What did you do yesterday? (**sit**) I _____ behind a desk in my office all day.
15. You need to **see** a doctor. I _____ a doctor last Tuesday. I'm fine.