

TENSE

What is simple past tense?

Simple Past is also known as **Past Simple** and describes events which happened at a specific time but are now completed. For example:

I played

You played (singular)

He/She/It played

We played

You played (plural)

They played

What is simple present tense?

The **Simple Present** (also known as **Present Simple**) can be used to describe something that happens regularly, to give an instruction, to describe something that has been arranged or to talk about the future after certain conjunctions have been used (after, when, before, as soon as, until). For example:

I play

You play (singular)

We play

You play (plural)

1. Tick **one** box to complete the sentence below in **simple present** tense.

Every morning, my nan rushes out of the door to _____ her dog while the park is quiet.

is walking ☐

walking ☐

walk ☐

will walk ☐

2. Complete the following sentence in **simple past** tense.

Last year, my dad and uncle _____ the London Marathon.

- I _____ the art gallery with my class yesterday
to visit
- and we _____ the most amazing sculptures
to see

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5. Which sentence below is written in **simple past tense**? Tick **one**.
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| This is my favourite play park. | ☐ |
| We play here most days after school. | ☐ |
| I fell off the slide once. | ☐ |
| I love to play football on the field. | ☐ |

6. Tick **one** box in each row to show whether the sentence is written in **simple past tense** or **simple present tense**.

Sentence	Simple past tense	Simple present tense
We went shopping yesterday.		
I carried a heavy shopping bag.		
Every time we shop, my mum buys me a treat.		

What is past perfect tense?

Past Perfect describes completed events of the past which happened before another action took place.

'had' + a past tense verb = past perfect tense

For example:

I had played

You had played (singular)

He/She/It had played

We had played

You had played (plural)

They had played

What is present perfect tense?

The **Present Perfect** can be used to describe something that happened in the past and is continuing today, for an action that was completed recently or an action that did not happen at a specific time.

'has' or 'have' + a past tense verb = present perfect tense

For example:

I have played

You have played (singular)

He/She/It has played

We have played

You have played (plural)

They have played

1. Which option completes the sentence in the **past perfect**?

Tick **one**.

Not long after my brother _____ his new model plane, I accidentally dropped and broke it.

has made ☐

had made ☐

made ☐

was making ☐

2. Complete the following sentence in **perfect present tense**.

I _____ the piano for three years.

3. Which **verb form** completes the sentence? Tick **one**.
- Amelia _____ a book about Ancient Egypt recently.
- is reading ☐
- had read ☐
- has read ☐
- reads ☐
4. Which sentence uses the **present perfect** form? Tick **one**.
- William has been eagerly waiting to go ice skating all week. ☐
- Every afternoon, Usman practises parkour. ☐
- Josie is planning her trip to Italy. ☐
- We have looked in every shop for my lost purse. ☐
5. Underline the verb form that is in the **present perfect** in the passage below.
- Zoe enjoys dancing and has learnt ballet for the past five years. She was overjoyed when her dad said she could also start learning tap this year.
6. Complete the sentence in **past perfect tense**.
- After Gita _____ her homework, she went outside to play in the garden.