

Past Tenses Review

Past Simple: Finished action in the past.



Yesterday I watched a TV show.

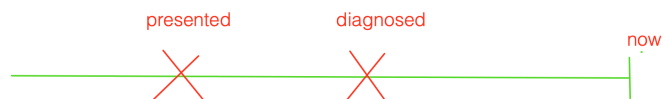
Past Continuous: Action in progress at a time in the past (often used with the past simple)



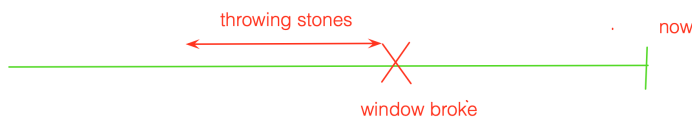
Yesterday, when I was walking to the shops, I saw your mum.

Past Perfect: 'Past of the past' : An action before an established action in the past (remember: the point where you started the story)

Mr Smith was diagnosed with pneumonia last night. He had presented with shortness of breath, fever and a cough.



The window broke. The boys had been throwing stones at it.



Exercise 1

Pick the right tense! Past Perfect or Past Simple?

1. The storm destroyed the sandcastle that we (build)
2. He (not / be)to Cape Town before 1997.
3. When she went out to play, she (do / already)her homework.
4.I (learn)to ride a bike.
5. My brother ate all of the cake that our mum (make)
6. The doctor took off the plaster that he (put on)six weeks before.
7. The waiter brought a drink that I (not / order)
8. My son (hurt)his leg last week.
9. I could not remember the poem we (learn)the week before.
The children collected the chestnuts that (fall)from the tree.

Exercise 2

Fill the gaps with the appropriate form of the verbs below:

be (9)	go	there is/are
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I to Turkey in 2003. I before, a couple of times, when I young but I couldn't remember anything about it. It pretty spectacular. The food delicious and the weather superb. lots of beaches where we stayed and they wonderful. Beach holidays been my cup of tea really. I on one before but I must say, it..... good fun.

Exercise 3

Iin an intensive care unit last week when I.....feeling ill. At first I a sore throat, and then I coughing. After a few hours, I a fever and really lethargic. I if it was because Ibreakfast but I did a lateral flow test and then I - it Covid.

Answers

Exercise 1

Pick the right tense!

1. The storm destroyed the sandcastle that we (build) **had built**.
2. He (not / be) **had not been** to Cape Town before 1997.
3. When she went out to play, she (do / already) **had already done** her homework.
4. When I was seven I (learn) **learned / learnt** to ride a bike.
5. My brother ate all of the cake that our mum (make) **had made**.
6. The doctor took off the plaster that he (put on) **had put on** six weeks before.
7. The waiter brought a drink that I (not / order) **had not ordered**.
8. My son (hurt) **hurt** his leg last week.
9. I could not remember the poem we (learn) **had learned** the week before.
10. The children collected the chestnuts that (fall) **had fallen / were falling** from the tree.

Exercise 2

Fill the gaps with the appropriate form of the verbs below:

be (9)	go	there is/are
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I **went** to Turkey in 2003. I **had been** before, a couple of times, when I **was** young but I couldn't remember anything about it. It **was** pretty spectacular. The food **was** delicious and the weather **was** superb. **There were** lots of beaches where we stayed and they **were** wonderful. Beach holidays **had never** been my cup of tea really. I **had never been** on one before but I must say, it **was** good fun.

Exercise 3

Choose a verb and tense to fill the gaps:

I **was working** in an intensive care unit last week when I **started** feeling ill. At first I **had** a sore throat, and then I **experienced** coughing. After a few hours, I **developed** a fever and **felt** really lethargic. I **wondered** if it was because I **had missed** breakfast but I did a lateral flow test and then I **realised** - it **was** Covid.