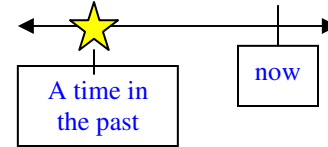


## The Past Tense – Simple Past

There are three aspects of the past tense:

- 1) Simple past
- 2) Past progressive
- 3) Past perfect (simple and progressive)

★ = action



The **simple past tense** is used to describe:

1. an action that happened in the past
2. a truth about a time in the past

- Add “**ed**” or “**ied**” to *regular* verb endings in simple past tense when used to describe any subject (**I, you, we, they, he, she, it**).

Subject [verb + “ed” or “ied”]
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The verb “**to be**” has an irregular conjugation:

I / he / she / it [was]
you / we / they [were]

Example: He walked to school yesterday.

Example: She was happy.

Directions: Write the correct form of the verb in the spaces below.

- 1) When I was in school, I \_\_\_\_\_ (to do) my homework everyday.
- 2) She \_\_\_\_\_ (to like) chocolate milk when she was a girl.
- 3) It always \_\_\_\_\_ (to rain) when we lived in Seattle.
- 4) Joey and Mike \_\_\_\_\_ (to be) friends a long time ago.
- 5) I \_\_\_\_\_ (to try) to make a snowman last winter.
- 6) Our favorite game when we were little \_\_\_\_\_ (to be) chess.
- 7) It \_\_\_\_\_ (to be) so sunny yesterday.
- 8) Jeremy \_\_\_\_\_ (to want) to go to the beach this summer.
- 9) Shelby \_\_\_\_\_ (to save) \$100.
- 10) It \_\_\_\_\_ (to snow) last December.

Directions: Put the following sentences in simple past tense.

- 1) I talk to Anne on the phone.

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- 2) Nikko laughs at the joke.

\_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Now make your own sentences using the simple past tense.

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_