

Past tenses

Past simple		Past continuous		Past perfect	
FORM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Regular verbs end in <i>-ed</i> (see irregular verbs list for irregular endings). In one syllable verbs which end in a vowel and a consonant, the consonant doubles. The same thing happens with verbs of more than one syllable ending in a vowel and a consonant when the stress falls on the last syllable. If a verb ends in a consonant + <i>y</i>, the <i>y</i> changes to <i>i</i> and we add <i>-ed</i>. - <i>didn't</i> + infinitive ? <i>Did</i> / <i>Didn't</i> + subject + infinitive 	USE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed actions Completed periods of time Narrative sequences Time expressions: <i>last night, ten minutes ago, on Sunday morning, yesterday, etc.</i> 	FORM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + <i>was / were</i> + verb with <i>-ing</i> ending - <i>wasn't / weren't</i> + verb with <i>-ing</i> ending ? <i>Was / Were</i> + subject + verb with <i>-ing</i> ending 	USE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actions in progress in the past Setting the scene Simultaneous actions Relating two actions 	FORM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + <i>had</i> + the past participle - <i>hadn't</i> + the past participle ? <i>Had</i> + subject + the past participle 	USE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The past perfect is used when we talk about two past events and we want to make clear which event happened first. We use the past perfect for the first event and the past simple for the second event.
<p><i>When, while and as</i> can be used to describe situations in which one event interrupts the other.</p> <p><i>While</i> and <i>as</i> are usually followed by the past continuous and <i>when</i> by the past simple.</p>					
		Used to, would			
		Used to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To express something that happened regularly in the past, but no longer happens For something that was true, but isn't true anymore There is no present form of <i>used to</i> 	Would <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To express something that happened regularly in the past <i>Used to</i> can describe actions and states, but <i>would</i> can only describe actions 		