

Past Tense Practice: Conversation 1

In This Conversation:
Verbs

 Past Tense of Regular Verbs
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Vocabulary Themes

What did you do last weekend?



The Weekend – Past Tense: Regular Verbs

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Setting: Luna and Samir are sitting together in their ESL classroom. Their teacher has just asked the class to practice dialogues using the past tense.

Luna: So... the teacher said we need to choose a topic from the list he provided.

Samir: Yeah. We can talk about our weekend, a special day, or a vacation. What do you want to start with?

Luna: Hmm... maybe we should start with something easy.

Samir: I agree. How about "The Weekend"?

Luna: Perfect. We always have something to say about our weekends.

Samir: True. Okay, let's start our dialogue.

Dialogue:

Luna: Okay, I'll start by asking you first... How was your weekend?

Samir: It was **really** good! I **visited** my cousins on Saturday. We **usually** hang out at their place, but this time we **played** board games at a coffee shop near my house.

Luna: Oh, nice! I **rarely** play board games, but I **always** enjoy them when I do. I **cleaned** my apartment in the morning, and then I **watched** a new comedy movie.

Samir: Sounds relaxing. Did you like it?

Luna: Yeah, I **really liked** it. The story **started** a little slowly, but it became **very** funny near the end. I **completely** forgot about my stress.

Samir: That's great. After the coffee shop, my cousins and I **walked** around the neighborhood. We **often** do that when the weather is nice. We **talked** for hours and **enjoyed** the sunshine.

Luna: That sounds perfect. I **sometimes** do that with my parents. Actually, I **visited** them on Sunday. We **cooked** dinner together and **listened** to music. It was **really** peaceful.

Samir: I love that. I **usually** stay home on Sundays, and this weekend was no different. I **finished** some chores – I **washed** my clothes, **organized** my room, and **prepared** my meals for the week.

Luna: Wow, you were **super** productive. I **needed** to do that too, but I **decided** to rest instead. I was only **a little** tired, but I **wanted** a break.

Samir: Honestly, that's smart. You **worked very** hard last week.

Luna: True. But overall, I had a **really** nice weekend.

Samir: Same here. It felt **somewhat** short, but I can't complain because I **enjoyed** it a lot.

Past Tense Practice: Conversation 2

In This Conversation:
Verbs

Past Tense of Irregular Verbs

Vocabulary Themes

A Special Day



A Special Day – Past Tense: Irregular Verbs

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Setting: Maya and **Samir** are still in their ESL classroom, continuing the past-tense assignment.

Luna: Our first dialogue turned out really well. I liked how we focused on the regular past tense verbs.

Samir: Same here. It felt smooth. So... what should we choose next from the list?

Luna: We still have "a special day," "a vacation," and "a funny moment."

Samir: They all sound good. Which one do you feel like talking about?

Luna: Honestly, I want to talk about a special day. I **had** one recently, and it's a story worth sharing.

Samir: Great. Let's go with that. I'm ready.

Dialogue:

Samir: So what **made** this day so special for you?

Luna: It **started** when my childhood best friend **came** to visit me. We **grew** up together, but we **lost** touch for almost eight years.

Samir: Eight years? That's huge.

Luna: I know. We **went** to different schools, and life just **got** complicated. But last month, she **sent** me a message out of nowhere. We **set** a date to meet, but she actually **showed** up a day

early and **caught** me completely off guard.

Samir: That must have felt unreal.

Luna: It really did. When I **saw** her, I **felt** this rush of emotion. We **held** onto each other for a long time and then **sat** down to talk.

Samir: What did you two do after that?

Luna: We **went** back to our old neighborhood and **ran** into places we hadn't seen in years. We **told** stories, **shared** memories, and **brought** up things we totally **forgot** about.

Samir: That sounds powerful.

Luna: It was. Later, we **ate** dinner at the restaurant we loved as kids. The food **took** us right back to our childhood.

Samir: I LOVE that!

Luna: Me too. The whole day **became** this beautiful reminder of how strong our friendship still is. It honestly **turned** into one of my favorite days ever.

Luna: So, what about you? Do you have a special day you want to talk about?

Samir: I do. Mine **happened** last year when my brother **graduated** from college.

Luna: Oh wow – that must have been emotional.

Samir: It really was. My brother **fought** through so many challenges growing up. He **fell** behind in school, **struggled** with learning, and almost **gave** up more than once.

Luna: That sounds tough.

Samir: It was. But then he **met** a professor who **saw** his potential and **took** him under her wing. Everything **changed** after that.

Luna: That's incredible!

Samir: When he **walked** across the stage, my whole family **stood** up and **burst** into cheers. He **cried**, my mom **held** his hand, and I almost **lost** it too.

Luna: I can imagine.

Samir: After the ceremony, we **went** out together and **spent** the whole evening celebrating him. It **felt** like a victory for all of us.

Luna: That's beautiful!

Samir: Yeah. That day **stayed** with me. It's one I'll never forget.

Past Tense Practice: Conversation 3

In This Conversation:
Verbs

Past Tense of Regular Verbs
 Past Tense of Irregular Verbs

Vocabulary Themes

A Time You Learned Something New



A Time You Learned Something New – Past Tense: Both Regular and Irregular Verbs

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Setting: Luna and Samir are still in their ESL classroom, continuing the past-tense assignment.

Luna: Okay, that “special day” conversation turned out really nice.

Samir: Yeah, it felt meaningful. So... what should we choose for our last topic?

Luna: We still have “a vacation,” “a funny moment,” and “a time you learned something new.”

Samir: Hmm... I kind of like the last one.

Luna: Same. I can talk about when I first learned English.

Samir: Perfect. And I can talk about learning to drive. Let’s do it.

Dialogue:

Luna: So tell me about the first time you **drove** a car.

Samir: Oh man... it **went** terribly at first. I **sat** in the driver’s seat, and my dad **gave** me this serious look like we were about to fly a plane.

Luna: That sounds intense!

Samir: It was. I **started** the car, but I **hit** the curb almost immediately.

Luna: Oh no! Really?

Samir: Yep! My dad **grabbed** the door and **held** it like we were falling off a cliff.

Luna: I can't believe it!

Samir: Then I **turned** the wheel too fast and almost **ran** over a trash can.

Luna: That's funny!

Samir: But after a few tries, I **got** the hang of it. I **became** more confident, and by the end of the day, I actually **drove** around the whole neighborhood.

Luna: That's awesome! Learning to drive is always a wild experience.

Samir: Okay, your turn. What was it like when you first **learned** English?

Luna: Honestly, it **felt** impossible at the beginning. I **heard** people speaking so fast, and I **thought**, "I will never understand this."

Samir: I felt the same way.

Luna: One time, I **said** "I'm boring" instead of "I'm bored," and the whole class **laughed**.

Samir: I **did** that too!

Luna: I **made** so many mistakes. I **spoke** with the wrong pronunciation, I **wrote** words backwards, and I **took** forever to understand simple sentences.

Samir: But, you improved a lot!

Luna: Yeah. Little by little, things **became** easier. I **met** patient teachers, I **found** good study methods, and I **kept** practicing.

Samir: And now you sound great!

Luna: Thanks. Learning English **gave** me confidence. It's one of the best things I ever **did**.

Samir: Same here. We really **came** a long way.



Past-Tense Conversation Topics

Directions: Use the following topics to practice conversations

1. Your Weekend

Ideas: Places you went, people you saw, food you ate, things you watched.

Useful Regular Verbs:

watched, visited, relaxed, cooked, cleaned, talked (to), texted, exercised, washed, worked, called, listened (to), played, studied, wanted

Useful Irregular Verbs:

went, saw, ate, slept, met, bought, got, made, spent, took, told, woke (up)

2. A Special Day or Your Favorite Day Ever

Ideas: A reunion, a celebration, a surprise, a meaningful moment with someone.

Useful Regular Verbs:

celebrated, planned, surprised, called, visited

Useful Irregular Verbs:

came, felt, met, gave, brought, held, became, ate, went

3. Your Favorite Vacation or Trip

Ideas: Places you visited, things you tried, people you met, what you learned.

Useful Regular Verbs:

traveled, stayed, enjoyed, explored

Useful Irregular Verbs:

went, saw, ate, met, flew, took, brought

4. A Funny or Embarrassing Moment

Ideas: Mistakes you made, something unexpected that happened, a funny misunderstanding.

Useful Regular Verbs:

laughed, called, asked, tried

Useful Irregular Verbs:

fell, broke, forgot, ran, said, dropped

5. A Time You Learned Something New

Ideas: Learning to drive, learning English, cooking, swimming, using new technology.

Useful Regular Verbs:

learned, practiced, tried, studied, improved, wanted

Useful Irregular Verbs:

made, began, taught, understood, got, read

6. A Day You Felt Proud

Ideas: Finishing a project, helping someone, winning something, overcoming a challenge.

Useful Regular Verbs:

finished, helped, earned, achieved

Useful Irregular Verbs:

felt, won, became, built

7. A Childhood Memory

Ideas: A game you played, a place you visited, a person you admired, a funny moment.

Useful Regular Verbs:

played, liked, visited, wanted, celebrated, reunited, talked (to)

Useful Irregular Verbs:

grew, went, saw, made, thought, found

8. A Holiday You Celebrated

Ideas: Food you ate, people you visited, traditions you followed, gifts you gave or received.

Useful Regular Verbs:

celebrated, cooked, gathered, decorated, received,

Useful Irregular Verbs:

gave, ate, came, bought

9. A Time Something Unexpected Happened

Ideas: Losing something, finding something, meeting someone by accident, a sudden change of plans.

Useful Regular Verbs:

happened, called, opened, needed, surprised

Useful Irregular Verbs:

lost, found, broke, caught, fell, ran, forgot

10. A Movie, Book, or Show You Enjoyed Recently

Ideas: What it was about, what you liked, what surprised you, what you learned.

Useful Regular Verbs:

watched, enjoyed, liked, finished

Useful Irregular Verbs:

was, saw, felt, thought, read