

PAST TENSES

<p>Past simple</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single actions and events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ I travelled to Europe. • Repeated actions and events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ I often travelled to Europe • Long-lasting situations and feelings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ I loved her so much ➤ I lived in London • With time expression (explicit or implicit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ I went to Paris last year ➤ It was a great trip. 	<p>Present Perfect simple</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions in the past that have a consequence or are related in the present <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ I have lost my key, so I cannot go home. ➤ I have already read this book. • Actions that started in the past but are not finished <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ I have been an accountant for 10 years (I still am) • Actions that happened (or not) in the past and might continue in the future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ I have always loved you. (I loved you before, I love you now, and I will love you)
<p>Past continuous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set the scene • Describe the background situation for a story <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ I was cooking when my children came home ➤ While I was studying, my boyfriend called me • Activities happening at the same time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It was raining when I was driving 	<p>Present Perfect continuous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous activities happening up to now • Continuous activities that have just stopped <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ I have been sleeping all day ➤ I have been working in the DGI since 1990. • Show that the action was repeated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ I have been running every day. • Focus on the action itself VS the result <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ I have been cooking with my brother.
<p>Past Perfect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action in the past that happened before the main event of the story <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ I had studied a lot before I took this exam. (first I studied, then I took the exam) • Used for reported speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ He told me that he had seen <i>Star Wars</i>. (first he saw <i>Star Wars</i>, then he told me) • Express regrets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ I wish I had come with you. • Past Perfect continuous: continuous actions that happened before the past event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ I had been studying a lot before I took this exam (first I studied, then I took the exam, but I want to insist on the fact that I studied for a long time) 	
<p>Used to/Would</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habits that we had in the past, but not anymore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ I used to go often to the cinema. ➤ I would often go to the cinema. • Used to: feelings that we had in the past, but not anymore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ I used to hate him. (now I love him) • Used to: situation that happened in the past, but not anymore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ I used to study physics. (now I don't) 	