



# **English** Quarter 1 – Module 4: Simple Past Tense



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### **Introductory Message**

This Self-Learning Module (SLM) is prepared so that you, our dear learners, can continue your studies and learn while at home. Activities, questions, directions, exercises, and discussions are carefully stated for you to understand each lesson.

Each SLM is composed of different parts. Each part shall guide you step-by step as you discover and understand the lesson prepared for you.

Pre-test are provided to measure your prior knowledge on lessons in each SLM. This will tell you if you need to proceed on completing this module, or if you need to ask your facilitator or your teacher's assistance for better understanding of the lesson. At the end of each module, you need to answer the post-test to self-check your learning. Answer keys are provided for each activity and test. We trust that you will be honest in using these.

In addition to the material in the main text, Notes to the Teachers are also provided to the facilitators and parents for strategies and reminders on how they can best help you on your home-based learning.

Please use this module with care. Do not put unnecessary marks on any part of this SLM. Use a separate sheet of paper in answering the exercises and tests. Read the instructions carefully before performing each task.

If you have any questions in using this SLM or any difficulty in answering the tasks in this module, do not hesitate to consult your teacher or facilitator.

Thank you.



### What I Need to Know

This module was designed and written with you in mind. It is here to help you master the simple past tense. The scope of this module permits it to be used in many different learning situations. The language used recognizes the diverse vocabulary level of students. The lessons are arranged to follow the standard sequence of the course. But the order in which you read them can be changed to correspond with the textbook you are now using.

The module is about:

• Simple Past Tense

After going through this module, you are expected to:

- 1. use the simple past tense correctly;
- 2. write about actions and events in the past;
- 3. do the different tasks related to the simple past tense;

Essential Learning Competencies:

Use the past tense correctly in varied contexts.



What I Know

Instructions: Identify the different actions based on the given pictures. Write down a sentence below the drawing using the simple past tense.









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Lesson

# Simple Past Tense

The knowledge of grammar, particularly the tenses, would come in very handy for students who are essentially learners whose mother tongue is not English.

The mastery of the English language is quite difficult for non-native speakers, but this will not be much of a problem if grammar structure is presented in a simple and understandable fashion.

Verbs are words that describe an action or occurrence or indicate a state of being.

These are words that express action that is either physical (dance, eat, talk, etc.) or mental (understand, hope, think, choose).

When verbs are used to refer to a state of being, linking verbs and helping verbs are used. The most common linking verb is the verb to be in all its forms and the modals.

Verbs have tense. Tense is the time expressed by a verb. Past tense means the action has already taken place. Time markers used are the following words: yesterday, last night, a few minutes ago etc.

The simple past and past perfect tenses are both used to refer to actions which have already occurred in the past. The simple past tense is used to express action or state of being that happened at some definite past time while the past perfect tense expresses an action that was completed before another past action. It also shows an action that occurred for a period of time in the past.



### What's In

Verbs may be categorized as either regular or irregular verbs. To form the regular verb: make some changes in the spelling particularly the vowels.

Examples:					
Regular verbs + d	Regular verbs + ed				
dance + d = danced	walk + ed = walked				
combine + d = combined	paint + ed =painted				
love + d = loved	look + ed = looked				
use + d = used	play + ed = played				
smile + d = smiled	clean + ed = cleaned				
file + d =filed	brush + ed = brushed				
slice $+ d = sliced$	touch + ed = touched				
live $+ d = lived$	climb + ed = climbed				
retire + d = retired	spray + ed = sprayed				
race + d = raced	print + ed = printed				

• To form the irregular verb; make some changes in the spelling particularly the vowels.

Examples:

Irregular verbs	Past form
go	went
shake	shook
strike	struck
buy	bought
bite	bit
fly	flew
run	ran
choose	chose
speak	spoke
take	took

Be verbs, is and are, when used in the past tense become was and were.
 Was is used when the subject is singular. On the other hand, were is used when the subject is two or more.

Examples:

Present tense	Past tense
She <u>is</u> a grade 7 student.	She <u>was</u> a grade 7 student.
You <u>are</u> an excellent dancer.	You <u>were</u> an excellent dancer.

• The helping verbs, **do** and **does**, when used in the past tense become **did**.

Examples:

Present Tense	Past Tense
It <u>does</u> not change its color.	It <u>did</u> not change its color.
Does she talk in a loud voice?	<u>Did</u> she talk in a loud voice?

#### **Task 2: Grammar Exercises**

A. Give the past form of the verb in the parenthesis. Write your answer on your paper.



- 3. However, one student in trouble.
- 4. We sorry for him.
- 5. He \_\_\_\_\_ nice though.





**Directions**: Look at the Peanuts comic strip. Read the dialogue between the two characters. Answer the questions given below.



Illustrated by Charles Schultz

- I. Comprehension Questions:
  - 1. Can you identify the two characters?
  - 2. What is the activity required by their teacher for these two characters to do?
  - 3. Describe the emotion felt by the character hiding behind her friend?
  - 4. What term do we usually use to refer to the fear of speaking before an audience?
  - 5. Looking at the last frame, what happened to the two characters?
  - 6. Write down the verbs in the past tense that you can see inside the speech bubbles?



What is It

The **simple past** is a verb tense that is used to talk about something that happened or existed before now.

Examples:

- Mark **<u>placed</u>** his bag on top of the table.
- Rose <u>cleaned</u> the office after her work.
- Yanie **<u>recorded</u>** the enrolled students.

We use the simple past to list a series of completed actions in the past. These actions happen 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and so on.

Examples:

- I **<u>finished</u>** the project, **<u>submitted</u>** on time, and <u>**received**</u> a good grade.
- Sheila <u>ate</u> a sandwich, <u>drank</u> a glass of juice, and <u>felt</u> satisfied with her snack.
- The teacher **<u>discussed</u>** the lesson, **<u>gave</u>** an activity, and <u>**checked**</u> the students' output.

 $\checkmark$  Do not forget that time markers are also used in the simple past tense.

• **Time markers** are words such as yesterday, last night, and a year ago are used with verbs in the past tense.

Examples:

Present Form	Past Form
I write a letter <b>today</b> .	I wrote a letter <b>yesterday</b> .
The boy rides his bicycle <b>every day</b> .	The boy rode his bicycle <b>a few minutes ago</b> .
Baby Tina shakes the toy <b>frequently</b> .	Baby Tina shook the toy just <b>an hour ago</b> .
Terry goes to the cinema alone <b>now</b> .	Terry went to the cinema alone <b>last night</b> .

Other time markers:

last year	ago
last Tuesday	in 1985
last month	this morning
last March	the day before yesterday

The simple past tense is the common tense used in some literary genres like the short story, novel and the fable. But informal and casual writing like the diary also uses the simple past tense.

Webster's definition of a diary: "A record of events, transactions, or observations, kept daily or at frequent intervals." A diary usually contains a person's innermost thoughts – struggles and triumphs, recording of a touching experience, a keen observation or insight about human nature and even include sudden spiritual insights.

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#### DIARY OF A STONE AGE CHILD

Dear Diary,

Today was the most incredible day of my life. Shall I tell you what I did?

I woke feeling cold and looked up to see my younger brother, Stoat, leaving.

The fire had gone out and the deer skin that my mother, Fennel, had draped carefully over me last night had fallen off, so may bare feet could feel the autumn breeze blowing in. It was time to get up. Emerging from the tipi, I looked out at the hills beyond our camp to see the sun slowly rising. I had jobs to do that morning but first I had to help my brother to gather some breakfast. We took our rabbit skin back to the edge of the wood where the blackberries grew and filled them up to the brim. We could not resist gobbling a few berries as we picked, because the hunters had not had a successful day out yesterday, and we had only had a baby deer to share between our large families of twenty four so we were so ravenously hungry.

Note: tipi - less common spelling of TEPEE

: A conical tent usually consisting of skins and used especially by American Indians of the Great Plains - <u>https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/tipi</u>

"WAGOLL – Diary of a Stone Age Child – Example Diary Text for Y3/4 English Recount Writing". 2020. TES Resources.

Comprehension Questions:

- 1. Where did the child and his brother go?
- 2. What fruit did they pick?
- 3. How many persons fed on the animal that they caught?

4. Identify the different sensory images present in the diary entry. What appealed to your sight and taste?

5. How did the writer start his diary entry?

6. Can you identify the different kinds of paragraphs that he wrote to relate his experience?

7. What values/insights about human nature can you glean from this diary entry?

**Instructions:** Reminiscing about the past is the perfect way of reliving an experience. Write a diary entry about your COVID-19 ordeal.



### What's More

During the COVID-19 pandemic, most teenagers engaged in hobbies to while away their boredom. What particular hobby did you engage in to express your creativity? Observe the use of the simple past tense. Note: examples of hobbies are gardening, baking, painting and sketching.

#### RUBRIC FOR JOURNAL/PARAGRAPH WRITING

CRITERIA	EXCELLENT (5)	PROFICIENT (3)	DEVELOPING (1)
Content	The response to	The response is	The response to
	the assigned topic	thoughtful and	the topic is not
	is thorough and	fairly well written.	substantial.
	well written.		
Accuracy	Expert in using	Fairly able in	Fails to use the
	the simple past	using the simple	simple past tense.
	tense.	past tense.	There should be 1-
	There should be 4-	There should be 2-	2 sentences which
	5 sentences which	3 sentences which	are grammatically
	are grammatically	are grammatically	correct.
	correct.	correct.	
Mechanics	Perfect spelling	There are few	Many instances of
	and punctuation.	spelling errors and	incorrect spelling
		some minor	and punctuation.
		punctuation	
		mistakes.	



### What I Have Learned

**Directions:** Fill in the time markers used for both the present and past tenses using a Venn diagram.



#### **Task 6: Variable Responses**

Directions: You are given several situations which concern you as a teenager. Just choose one which you are familiar with. Write about it by using the appropriate tense. Underline the past tense. Write your answers on your notebook.

A. You read an article on body shaming. As a teenager, you have insecurities about how you look as you slowly undergo a transition from childhood to adolescence. Write about your experience of developing a positive self-image.

B. Your school conducted an earthquake drill last year. Recall how you and your classmates behaved. Write about your funny, emotional and physical reactions.

C. Some of your friends are addicted to computer games like Mobile Legends. Write a dialogue about their pleasure/enjoyment of the game. Use the past tense.



**I.** Rewrite the sentences using simple past tense. Write your answers on your notebook.

1. We open the door	
2. You write poems.	

3.	Richard	plays	in the	e garden.	
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4. Ke	erry does	not speak	English.	
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5. Do you see the bird?	
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**II.** Have you read a poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow? The poem, The Arrow and the Song, contains verbs in the past form. Write down the verbs.

> The Arrow and the Song by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

> I shot an arrow in the air, It fell to earth, I knew not where; For, so swiftly it flew, the sight Could not follow it in its flight.

I breathed a song into the air, It fell to earth, I knew not where; For who has sight so keen and strong, That it can follow the flight of song?

Long, long afterward, in an oak I found the arrow, still unbroken; And the song, from beginning to end, I found again in the heart of a friend.

**III.** Use the be verbs, was and were to complete the sentences.

- 1. I \_\_\_\_\_ hungry.
- You \_\_\_\_\_\_in Australia last year.
  She \_\_\_\_\_\_not there.
- 4. Charlie Chaplin \_\_\_\_\_ a famous actor.
- 5. Lisa and James \_\_\_\_\_ at home.

#### **IV.** My Unique Experience

Sample of Aesop's Fable entitled "Fox and Grapes"

A fox <u>was</u> very hungry and <u>came</u> into a vineyard where lots of lovely ripe grapes <u>were</u> hanging on the vines. The fox <u>jumped</u> up and up again until he <u>was</u> tired but he <u>did</u> not get one grape. So he <u>said</u> to himself, "Let somebody else have the stupid grapes. They are so green and probably sour, I don't want them."

Comprehension Questions:

- 1. Why did the fox come into a vineyard?
- 2. How did he try to get the grapes?
- 3. What lesson can you get from this fable?

#### ANALYTIC RUBRIC FOR DIARY ENTRY

	Need Practice 2 pts	good 6 pts	very good 8 pts	Excellent 10 pts
Paragraph format and	Need Practice	good	very good	Excellent
organization	Student wrote 1 paragraph with	Student wrote 1 paragraph with	Student wrote 2 paragraphs with	Student wrote 2 paragraphs with 4
How the paragraph was organized.	many grammatical errors (articles, contractions, verb form and spelling).	many grammatical errors (articles, contractions, verb form and spelling).	no more than 6 grammatical errors (articles, contractions, verb	or less grammar errors (articles, contractions, verbs and
organizeu.	Did not follow directions.	Did not follow directions.	form and spelling). Followed most of the directions.	spelling). Followed all instructions.
Grammar	Need Practice	good	very good	Excellent
Sentence Structure: Subject - Verb	Student has 6 or more grammatical errors or mistakes in verbs shift to past tense. (The sentence does not have a subject and or verb, not a right structure)	Student has 7-9 grammatical errors. or mistakes in verbs shift to past tense which makes communication difficult for reader	Student has 6 grammatical errors or mistakes in verbs shift to past tense. (The sentence has a subject and a verb. Right structure. They are used and placed correctly)	Student has 3 or less grammatical errors or mistakes in verbs shift to past tense. (The sentence has a subject and a verb. Right structure. They are used and placed correctly)
Past Simple	Need Practice	good	very good	Excellent
Uses the Past Simple Tense	The Past Simple tense usage interferes with	The Past Simple tense usage is managed to	The Past Simple tense is 80 % correct and	The Past Simple tense is 90% correct and

	reader's comprehension, lacks of use of	incorporate it to 1 paragraph however the ideas	students have managed to incorporate the	students have managed to incorporate the
	irregular verbs or uses only present tenses to	are no enough understandable.	Past Simple to 2 paragraphs in an understandable way.	Past Simple to the 2 paragraphs in a very creative way. (if possible used
	communicate	1		past progressive)
Content	Need Practice	good	very good	Excellent
Do the sentences in the paragraph express a complete thought?	There was no connection with the student's ideas with his/her chosen topic. Content is not clear to read	Student has minimal details in the presentation of his/her paragraph. Lacks of description	Student has included detailed information about the topic selected. Using a good description of the facts in the story.	There was a connection between his/her chosen topic and the student's ideas. There were clear ideas and descriptions of the actions.



## Additional Activities

**Directions:** Look for the past form of the following verbs inside the box.

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3. drink8. Trace13. sit4. walk9. drive14. take	1. leave	6. see	11. vow
4. walk 9. drive 14. take	2. go	7. kiss	12. bake
	3. drink	8. Trace	13. sit
5. lend 10. laugh 15. wan	4. walk	9. drive	14. take
	5. lend	10. laugh	15. want

#### Good Job! You've completed the module!

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Venn diagram

**Ућа**ћ I Наve Learned

Present Tense

Time Markers

frequently, never always, sometimes, now, today, everyday,

Past Tense

Time Markers

hours ago, last month other week, a week ago, yesterday, last night, the

6. Wrote, went and looked

and they fell off the stage

5. They lost their balance

3. Marcie felt nervous and

read their sample essay on

2. They were supposed to

freckles) and Marcie (with

1. The two characters were

Peppermint Patty (with

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how they spent their

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#### sharing. 7. Community spirit, cooperation and 10. rabbit skin paragraphs. 9. berries 6. Narrative and descriptive 8. fire 10. laughed and a question. B. Smell 5. He started to write with a statement 9. drove uns 'L neat 8. traced 6. camp Taste – berries, baby deer's 7. kissed 5. baby deer 4. Sight - berries, hills, camp, tipi wbs .ð 4. rabbit skin 3. Twenty four 15. wanted 5. lent blackberries 2. Blackberries 14. took 4. walked 2. fire 1. They went to the forest/woods. 13. sat 3. drank sllid .I 2. went 12. baked A. Sight Diary of a Stone Wall child bewov.11 ff. I JI 2I JEAW **Additional Activities** Sensory Images

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Task 2 Grammar Exercises

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## What's More

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### What I Know

- 1. The children danced.
- 2. The teacher taught to her
- .stasbuts.
- 3. The girl ate the cake.
- 4. The boy kicked the ball.
- 5. The woman and the boy
- brought some gifts.



## Answer Key

3. You hate what you cannot have. Nothing comes easy without

2. The fox jumped up and up again until he was tired.

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III. Was/were

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10. Chose

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IV.1. The fox was very hungry.

5. Did you see the bird?

2. You wrote poems. I.1. You opened the door.

4. Kerry did not speak English. 3. Richard played in the garden.

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