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Second stage

Tenses

- **What Is a Tense?**

- A tense is a form of a verb that allows us to express time.
- What Are the Tenses in English?
- English has 12 tenses. They are divided into three groups (present, past and
- future),and they are each further classified into four different forms, which sum up to
- twelve tenses in total. The three tenses in English are:(Past, Present,and Future tense

- **The four different forms are:**
- Simple tense, Continuous tense, Perfect tense, Perfect Continuous tense
- **1.The Past Tense**
- The past tense includes four tenses that help us talk about the past .

- The past simple The past simple is used to describe past actions and events that are completely finished. we use the past simple to talk about a specific event in the past (we know when the event happened).This means that we use the past simple to talk about an action which started and finished at a specific time in the past. The form of the past simple is the same for all persons.

- Most verbs in the past simple are “regular“, only some verbs are “irregular. Regular verbs are formed by adding – (ed) to the infinitive e.g. work – worked. Irregular verbs have different affirmative simple past forms and must therefore be learnt e.g. speak – spoke.

- The negative of regular and irregular verbs is formed by did not (didn't) + infinitive
- The question of regular and irregular verbs is formed by did + subject + infinitive.

- Most verbs can be changed to the past tense by adding -ed. These are called regular
- verbs(move - moved / play - played / use – used). However, some verbs are irregular.
- Their form changes, for examples: buy - bought / eat - ate / see - saw.
The past simple
- is often used with adverbials to tell when something happened. For examples:

- I listened to the radio yesterday morning.
- They went to the cinema last night.
- John did not go shopping on Saturday.
- Did they win the match last week?
- We swam a lot while we were on holiday yesterday
- We ate lots of cake
- Who wrote this song?
- I watched TV last night
- She forgot her keys .
- The train left ten minute ago