Past Tense

Tense	Usage	Structure	Example
Verb “be”	• Descriptions • States • Feelings	I + was / was not you / we / they + were / weren´t he / she / it + was / wasn´t	I was a scientist. You / we / they were intelligent. he / she / it was smart.
Past Simple	• Habits • Facts • Generalities	I / you we / they + did / didn´t he / she / it + did / didn´t	(+) I loved movies. (-) I didn´t like horror films. (?) Did you like comedy? (+) He loved movies. (-) He didn´t like horror films. (?) Did she like comedy?
Past Continuous	• Actions happening at the time of speaking	I + was / was not + verb-ing you / we they + were / weren´t + verb-ing he / she it + was / wasn´t + verb -ing	I was learning English. You / we / they were finishing homework. he / she / it was reading a book.
Past Perfect	• Actions from past continuing up to now.	I / you we / they + had /hadn´t + past participle he / she / it + had/ hadn´t + past participle	(+) I had eaten a lot today. (-) I hadn´t eaten anything today. (?) had you eaten today? (+) He had finished his work. (-) He hadn´t finished yet. (?) Had he finished?
Past Perfect Continuous	• Actions repeatedly continuing from past to now.	I / you we / they + had /haven´t + been + verb -ing he / she / it + has/ hasn´t + been + verb -ing	(+) I have been waiting. (-) I haven´t been waiting. (?) Have you been waiting? (+) He has been sleeping (-) He hasn´t been sleeping. (?) Has she been sleeping?

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