

PAST TENSE

Mini Lesson: Simple, Progressive, Perfect and Perfect Progressive

Simple Past is used to indicate actions that occurred at a specific time and do not extend into the present.

Example:

Eddie completed the mini lessons on May 24, 2009.

Frank exercised yesterday.

Past Progressive is used to show continuing actions in the past.

Examples:

They were discussing the chapters presented in class.

Jace was living in shame when he was defeated.

Past Perfect tenses are actions that were completed by a specific time in the past or before some other past action occurred.

Example:

The Vikings had decided to invade the new lands by the end of winter.

By the time the sun sets, Benn had become king of the new lands.

Past Perfect Progressive indicates continuing actions in the past that began before a specific time or before some other past action began.

Example:

Edcel has been planning a surprise party for his best friend.

Dayi, Vern and Imalia have been searching for the classroom.