LESSON

52 Past Tense—Affirmative Statements

Most verbs end in *-ed* to show past tense. These verbs are called "regular verbs."

	Regular Past Tense Verb	Past Time Expressions
I	called my parents	last weekend.
You	walked the dog	last night.
He	watched TV	yesterday.
She	danced	yesterday afternoon.
It	snowed	the day before yesterday.
We	listened to music	on Saturday morning.
They	visited their family	three months ago.

Correct: I needed to work.
Incorrect: I needed to worked. (No *ed* on verbs after the word *to*)

Correct: on Saturday morning.
Incorrect: on Saturday ~~in the~~ morning.

Language Notes

Be careful!

- Some words that end in *-ed* are NOT past tense verbs. They are adjectives. They often come after *BE*.

I'm *tired* now. She's *interested* in English.

AUDIO

A Read the postcard from Jose. Underline the past tense verbs. Listen and check your answers. Then practice reading the postcard with a partner.

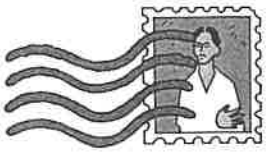
Greetings from Acapulco. I'm visiting my family in Mexico. I arrived yesterday afternoon. My sister and I walked around our neighborhood on Saturday morning and we talked for two hours. I was interested in all the news. My mom cooked a special dinner, and after dinner we watched family videos.

It was fun. Today I'm tired. I need to rest.

I hope everything is fine in San Francisco!

Take care,

Jose



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B Chang is Jose's friend in San Francisco. Chang is practicing his English. He is writing down everything he did yesterday. Fill in the blanks with the past form of the verbs.

Yesterday, I...

1. (brush) brushed my teeth.
2. (wash) ..... my face.
3. (shave) ..... .
4. (comb) ..... my hair.
5. (cook) ..... .
6. (clean) ..... the kitchen.
7. (water) ..... the garden.
8. (iron) ..... my shirt.
9. (mail) ..... my bills.
10. (exercise) ..... at the gym.
11. (finish) ..... a book.
12. (start) ..... a new book.
13. (paint) ..... a bookcase.
14. (walk) ..... my dog.
15. (call) ..... my parents.
16. (visit) ..... friends.
17. (rent) ..... a DVD.
18. (listen) ..... to music.
19. (dance) ..... with my friends.
20. (enjoy) ..... the evening.


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C Change this paragraph from the present tense to the past tense.

Jose is a student at the City College of San Francisco. He wants to be a doctor, and he needs to take many science classes. He likes his classes. In his free time, he plays soccer with his friends. His family is in Mexico, and he sometimes visits them.

Five years ago, Jose .....

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