

Lesson 1



Ago

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Grammar Explorer

Past simple tense w/ ago

Function

Adverb of time

Use

Use the adverb 'ago' in order to express a finished action that happened in the past.

- Make sure you use the verb in the simple past tense.
- Try to use numbers:
E.g., two, three, four.../days, months, years, decades, centuries/ ago.



Rule:



In order to express something using 'ago', put the verb in the simple past tense, and tell the date this action took place.

Verb (past simple) + number/date + ago.

Application:

✓ Let's practice:

1. I bought this car



in **2014**.



Since it's 2020, I'll say: I bought this car **6 years ago**.

2. Today, I woke up at 7:00 a.m. and drank water.



- What time is it?
- It's 12:00 p.m.!
- Really! I drank water **5 hours ago**!



Well done! 

Examples

1. We **moved** to Algiers **two years ago**.
2. I **bought** a Samsung smartphone **four years ago**.
3. The Renaissance **ended** **centuries ago**.
4. I received your email **a couple of days ago**.