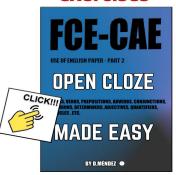


past? passed?





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PASSED

As an adjective:

happening or existing in the period of time that has just finished

- She was good at her job because of her past experience.
- I just saw my parents this past weekend.

As a preposition:

beyond (a particular place)" or "up to and beyond (a person or place)" or "later than (a time)

- Her house is a mile past the school.
- It was past 5:00 pm when we left.
- I think that sauce is past its expiration date.

Past tense of the verb pass

Pass and passed have many uses that have to do with motion and time.

to go past something or someone:

- We passed our friends in the hall.
- She passed me this morning in the corridor.

to go from one person or place to another:

• The rumour quickly passed from student to student.

to happen, take place or come to an end:

- The meeting passed without incident.
- Time passed slowly while we were waiting to see the doctor.

As an adverb:

to and beyond a certain point or time.

- A policeman walked past.
- Months went past and nothing happened.
- Three bunnies hopped past energetically.

to let a period of time go by:

They passed the time by playing games.

to move through or into a place or time:

Another plane passed over our heads.

As a noun:

the time before the present, and everything that happened then

- We had such happy memories of the past.
- They have an interesting past.
- In the past people would bathe once a month.

TYPICAL MISTAKES

passed used as an adjective:

- X I just saw my parents this passed weekend.
- ✓ I just saw my parents this past weekend.

passed used as a preposition:

- X We live in the house just passed the church.
- ✓ We live in the house just past the church.

passed used as an adverb:

- X I called out to him as he ran passed.
- ✓ I called out to him as he ran past.