



# past? or passed?



## PAST

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

## PASSED

### 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.

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.

### TYPICAL MISTAKES

passed used as an adjective:

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

passed used as a preposition:

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

passed used as an adverb:

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