



# PAST

# 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**.

The patient's condition has improved over the **past 24 hours**.

## 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.

## 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**.