



Nicole's English Classes



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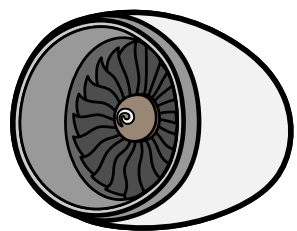
Simple

Past



USE

Used for actions that were completed at a specific time in the past



FORM

Positive: Subject + verb in past tense

Negative: Subject + did not + verb in base form

Question: Did + subject + verb in base form?



EXAMPLES

I played videogames after school. (positive)

He did not go to work yesterday. (negative)

Did you see that basketball game yesterday? (question)



Regular Verbs

Just add "ed"

work

worked

jump

jumped

help

helped

walk

walked

laugh

laughed



Irregular Verbs

Irregular verbs are very hard! Here are just a few. There are so many! You need to memorize and practice them.

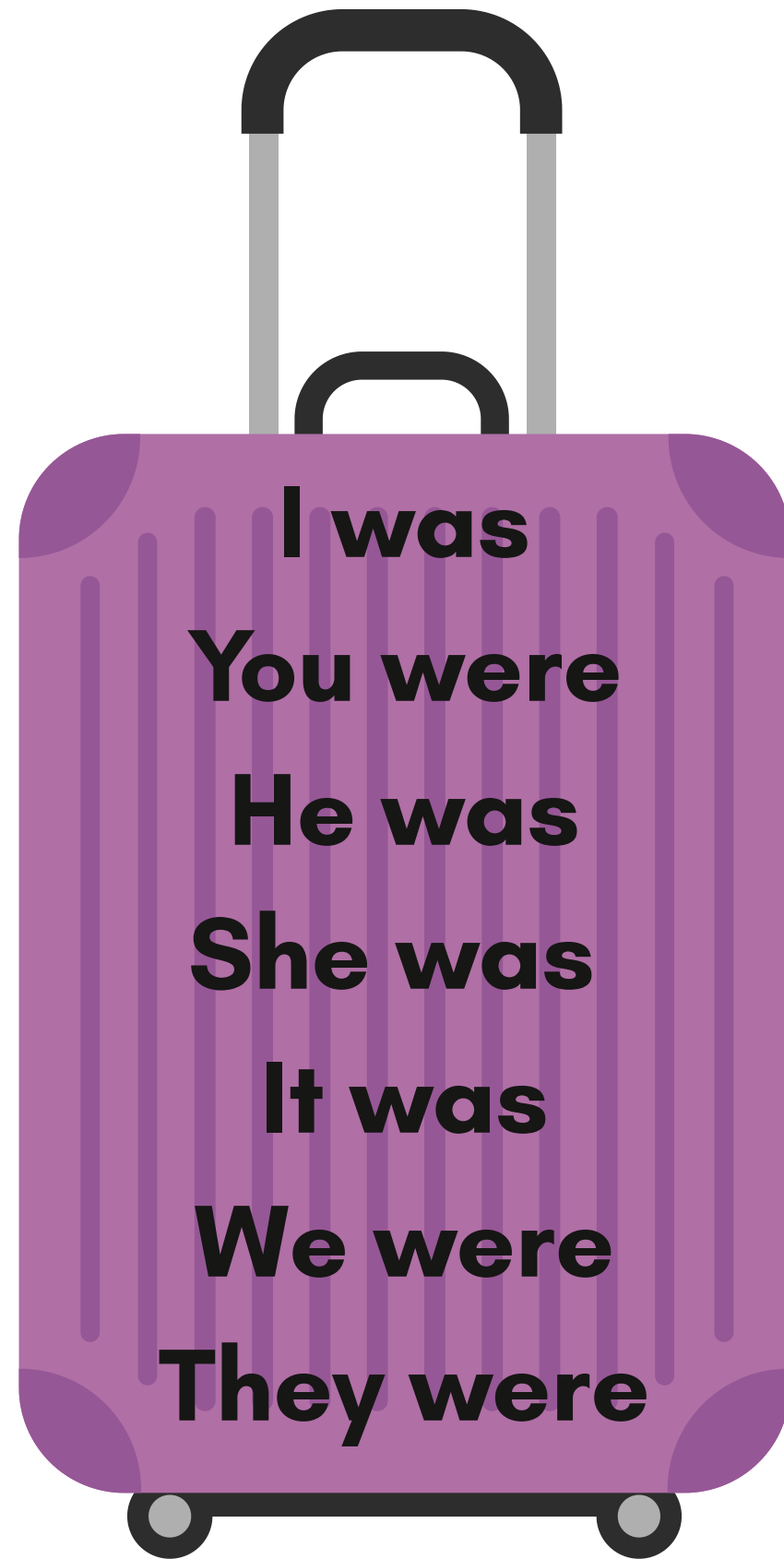


eat	ate
sit	sat
go	went
buy	bought
think	thought
drink	drank

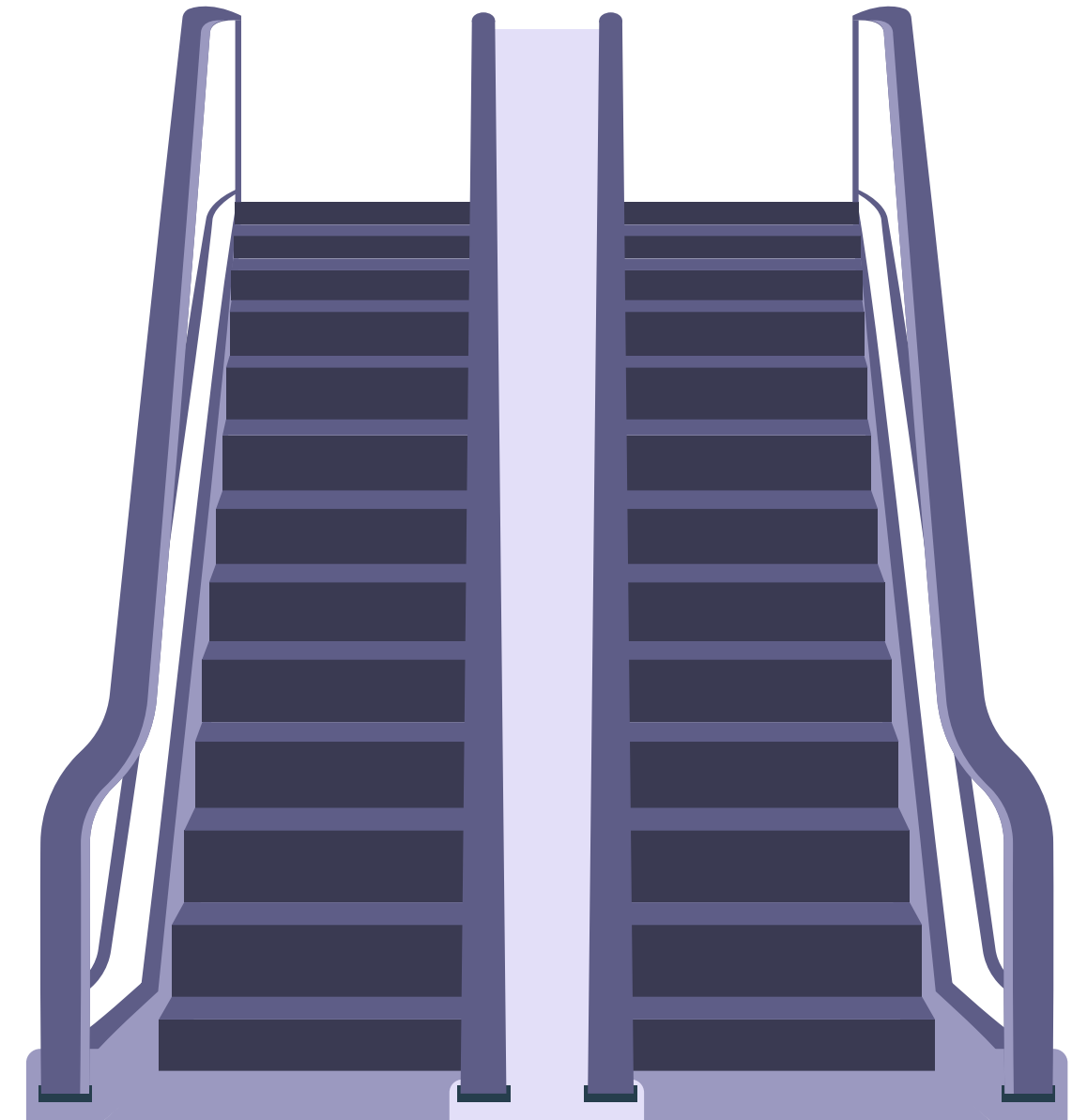
speak	spoke
understand	understood
grow	grew
drive	drove
sleep	slept
wear	wore



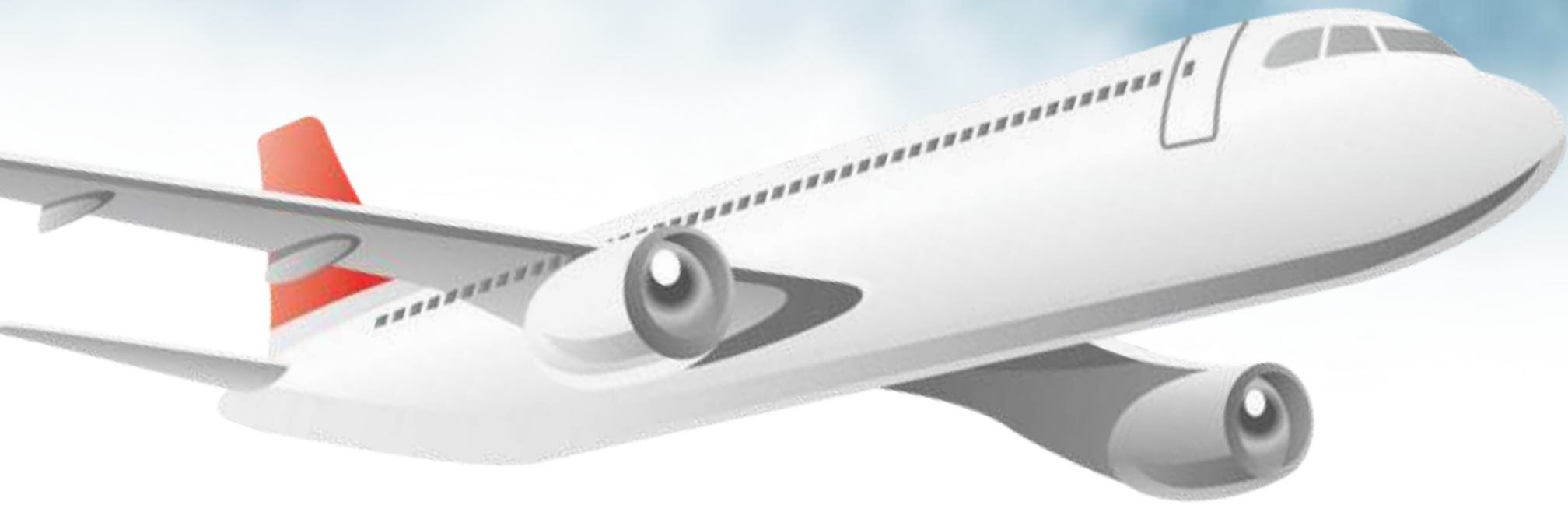
Irregular Verbs



To be



When forming a question, use a similar structure to that of present tense, but use “do/does” in the past form (“did”)



Did he walk to school yesterday?

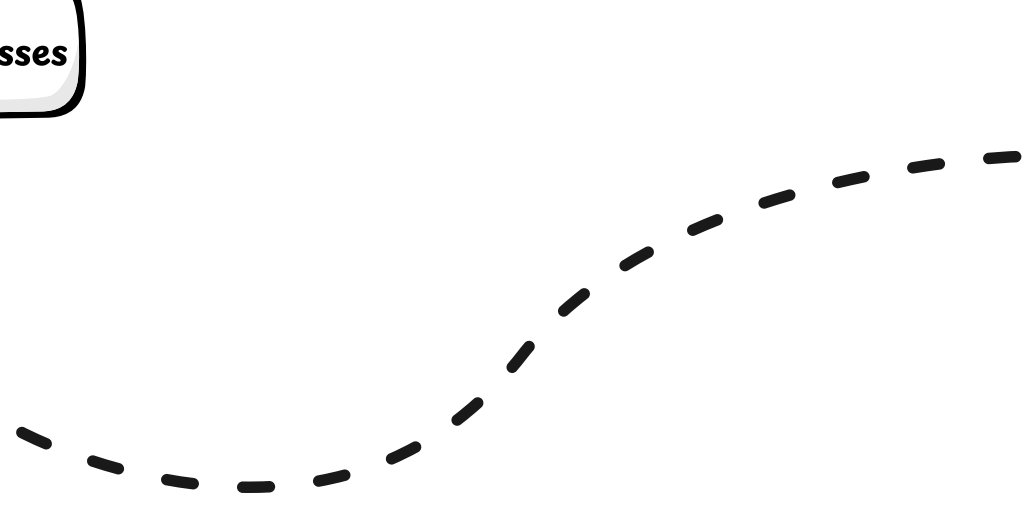
Did you study for the exam?

Did they go to the party?



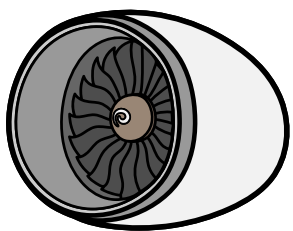
Continuous

Past



USE

Used for actions that were ongoing at a specific time in the past



FORM

Positive: Subject + was/were + verb ending in "ing"

Negative: Subject + was/were not + verb ending in "ing"

Question: Was/were + subject + verb ending in "ing"?



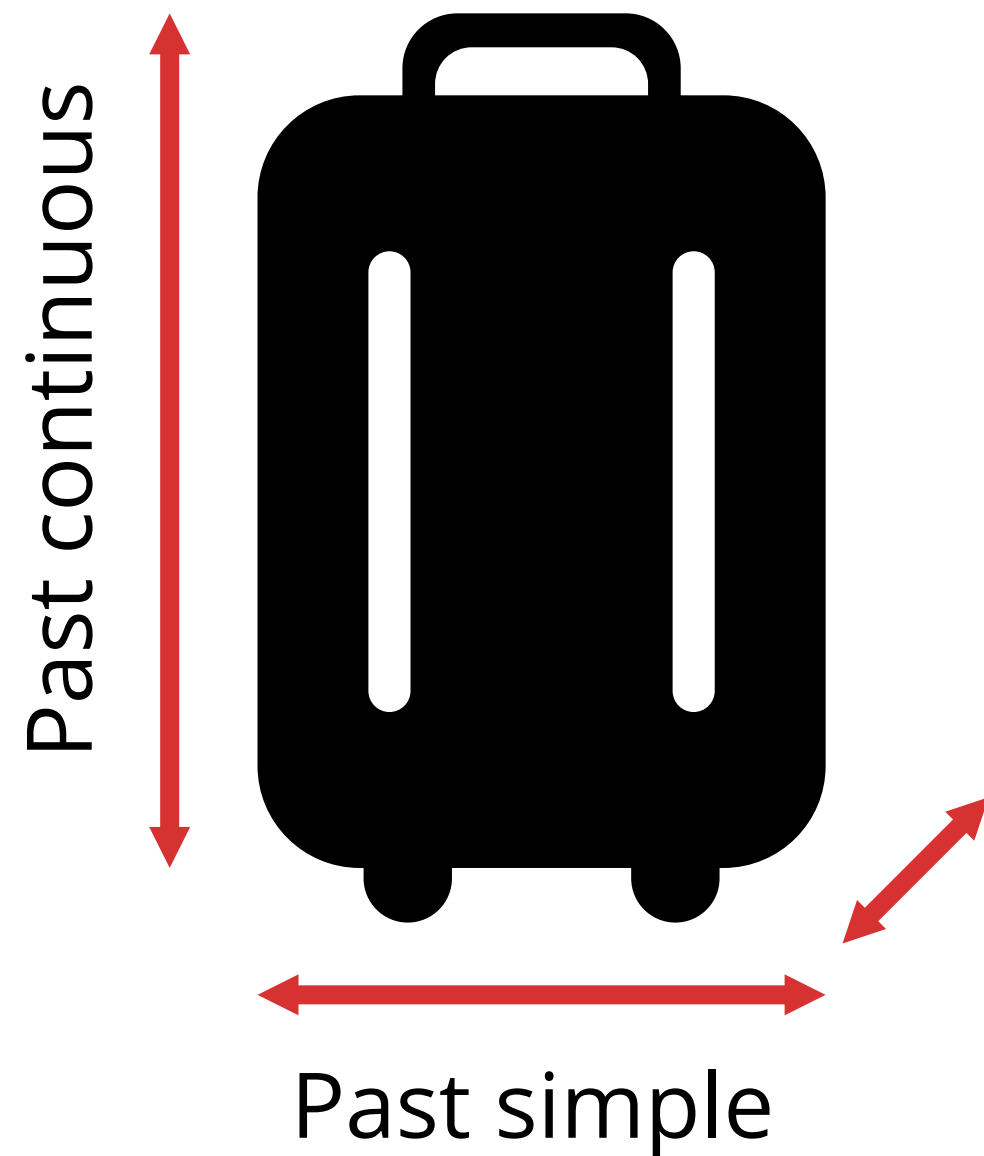
EXAMPLES

I was sleeping when the alarm went off. (positive)

He was not cleaning when his mom came home. (negative)

Were you traveling in Europe last year? (question)

Past continuous + Past simple

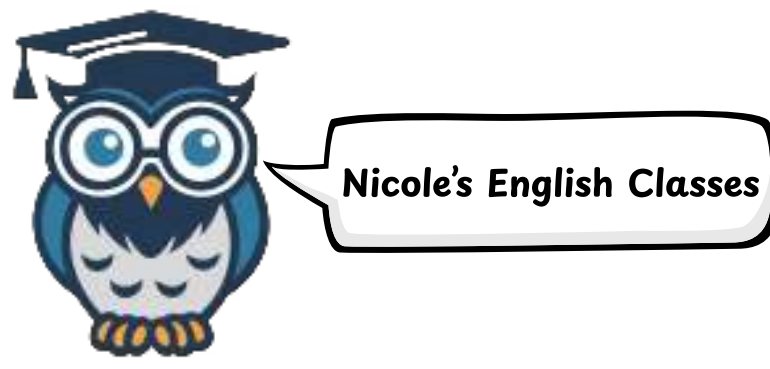


When we use the two tenses together, it shows one action interrupting another action

I **broke** my leg when I **was running**.

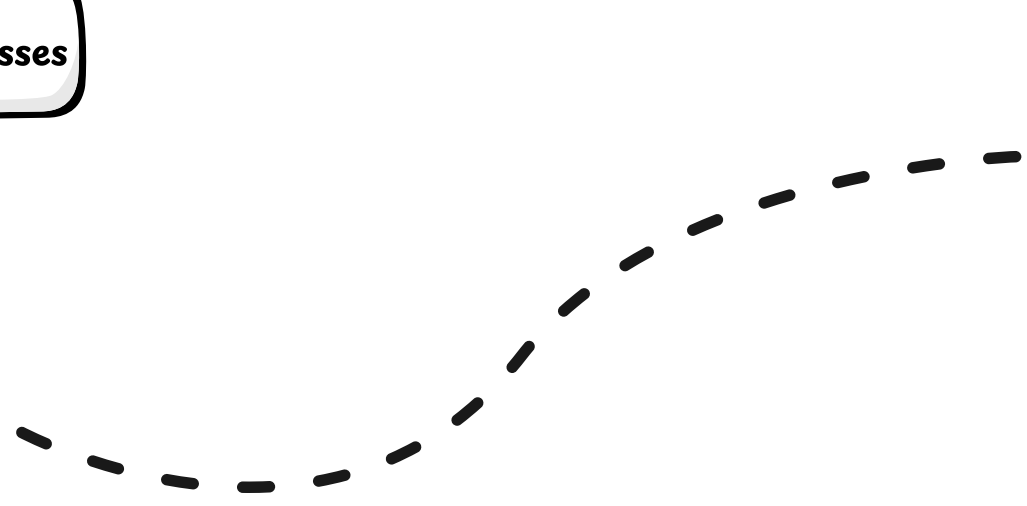
As I **was playing**, my mom **called**.

We **were eating** dinner when the phone **rang**.



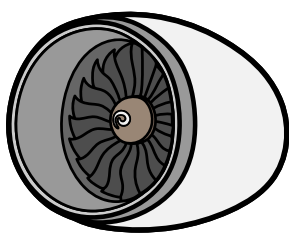
Perfect

Past



USE

Used for actions that happened before another action in the past



FORM

- Positive: Subject + had + past participle
- Negative: Subject + had not + past participle
- Question: Had + subject + past participle?



EXAMPLES

- I woke up late because I had stayed up late the night before. (positive)
- She hadn't seen the movie before we went to see it last week. (negative)
- Had you tried Chinese food before moving to China? (question)

Let's practice!

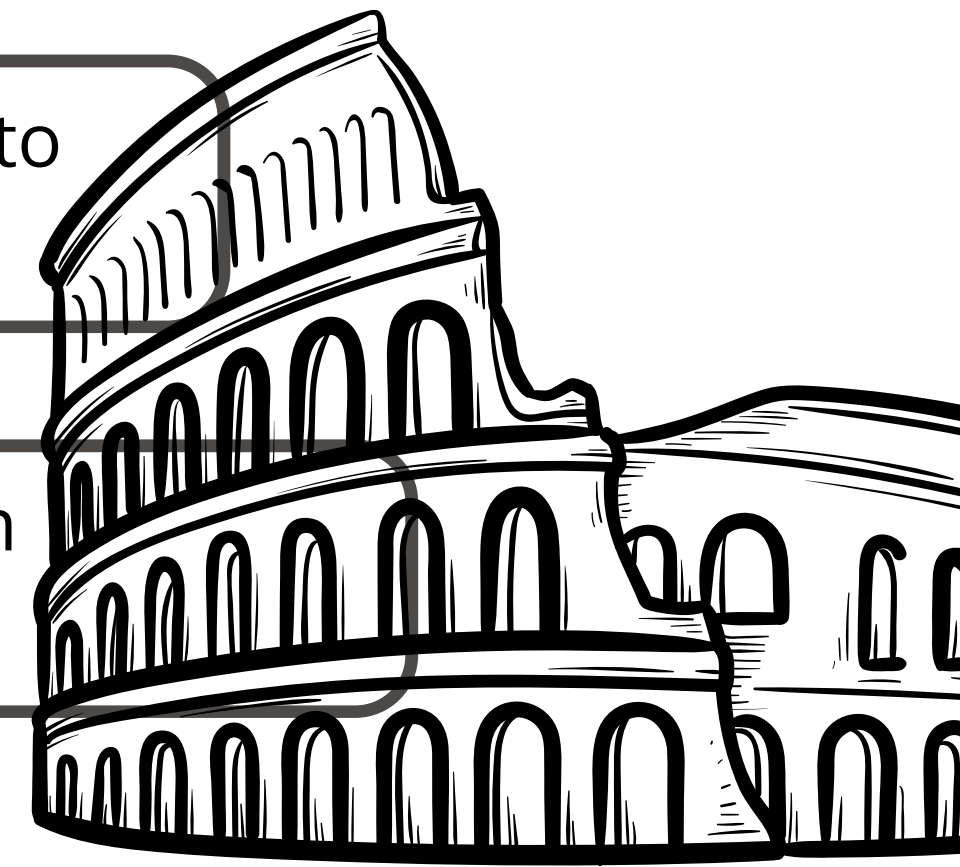
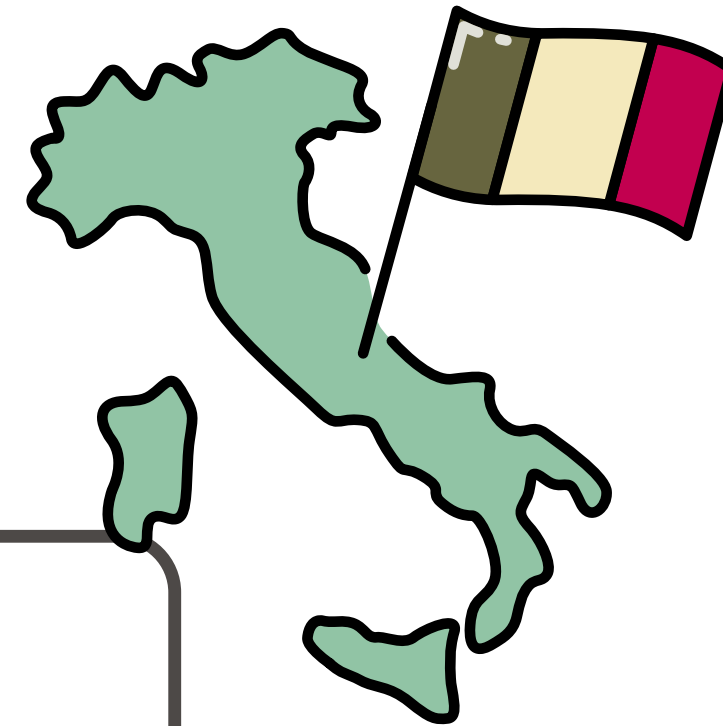
Had you done any research on Rome before we left?

No, I hadn't. But, I wish I had. I also wish I had studied Italian. I don't understand anything.

Had you even tried Italian food before we came?

Yes, of course! What had you done to prepare for this trip?

I found all the best gelato shops in Rome!



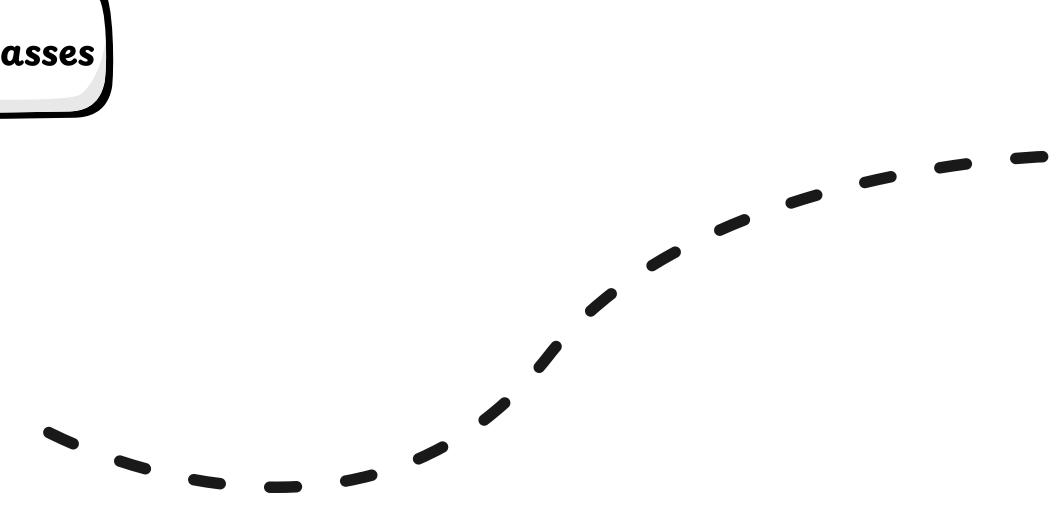


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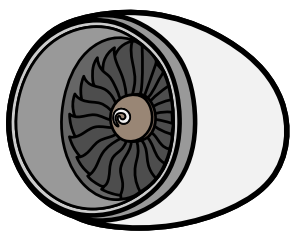
Perfect Continuous

Past



USE

Used for actions that were going on for a period of time before another action in the past



FORM

Positive: Subject + had been + -ing verb

Negative: Subject + had not been + -ing verb

Question: Had + subject + been + -ing verb?



EXAMPLES

I had been waiting for 2 hours before they called my name (positive)

She hadn't been working long before they gave her a promotion. (negative)

Had you been sleeping when I called? (question)



This is Captain Nicole speaking, thank you for learning about Past Tense! Hope to see you flying with us again soon!



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