

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.