

# Timelines

An exploration of English grammar  
for all ESL learners  
with irregular verb exercises

## *Preview*

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# Introduction

For most ELT teachers, time lines and irregular verbs are probably the most boring aspect of their trade.

But for learners it can be frustrating trying to find a simple, fun, illustrative guide that will make sense of the English tense system and present this information in a logical and easy-to-follow manner.

This is the main objective of this book.

There is plenty of space for learners to write their own notes on the pages, or on the 'My notes on...' pages which follow each example time line.

We have fully updated this edition and included 70 pages of exercises on the most common irregular verbs. These can be used in conjunction with the tenses as either class exercises or homework.

You can make the exercises fit with your teaching area by asking learners to write sentences in the tense you have been studying.

Timelines can be used with almost any other resource on the market and will compliment your existing library of ELT materials.

If you have any suggestions for improving this work or would like to contribute to the next edition, please feel free to contact the author at: [ideas@buckinghamenglish.com](mailto:ideas@buckinghamenglish.com)

I hope this adds a little light to your learning and/or teaching experience.

Chris Buckingham, February 2010.

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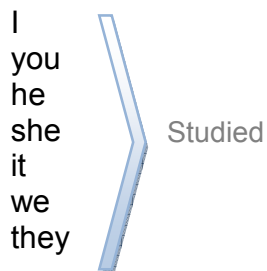
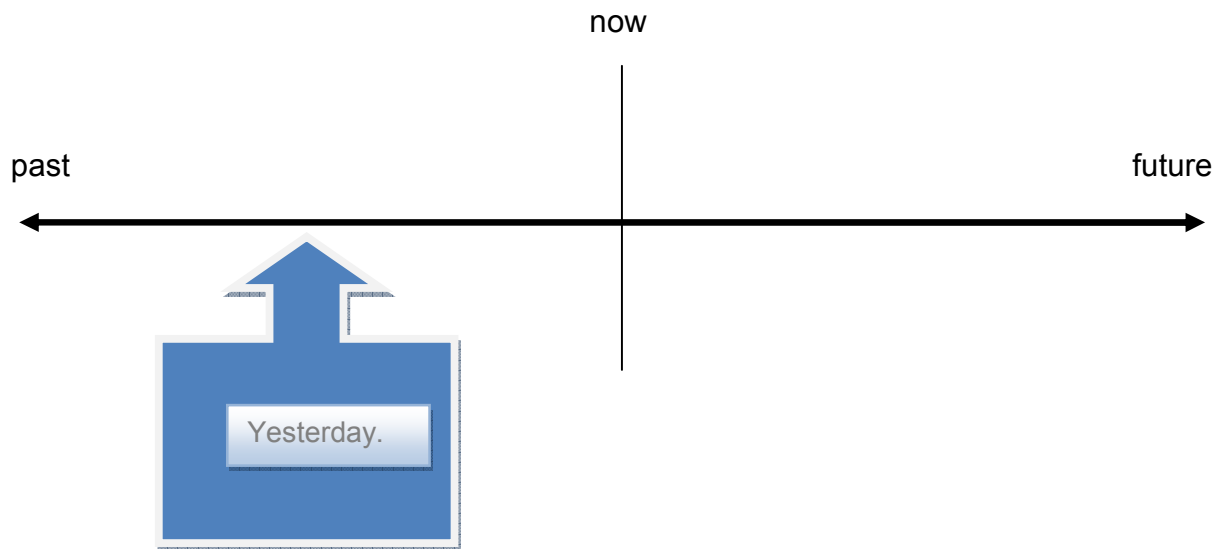
# Past simple

Simple verb + .....ed (past participle)

“Two years ago, I studied English in England.”

Activity or situation that began and ended at a particular time in the past.

'When' clauses mean there is no need for perfect tenses.



<b>V1 Bare infinitive</b>	<b>V2 Past simple</b>	<b>V3 Past participle</b>
<b>awake</b>	<b>awake</b>	<b>awoken</b>

V1 sentence:

V2 sentence:

V3 sentence

### **Future**

with going to

with will

with present simple

with present continuous

<b>be</b>	<b>was/were</b>	<b>been</b>
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V1 sentence:

V2 sentence:

V3 sentence

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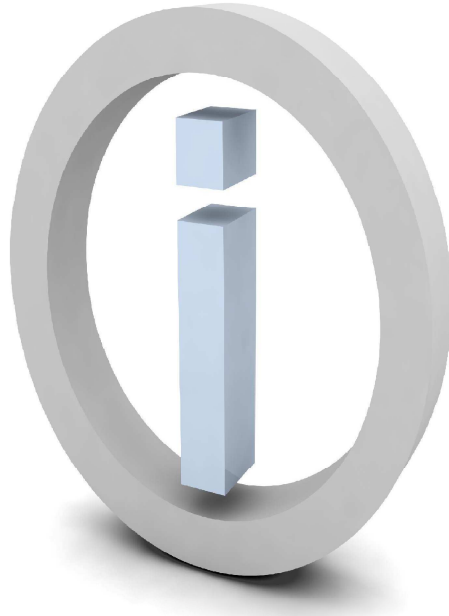
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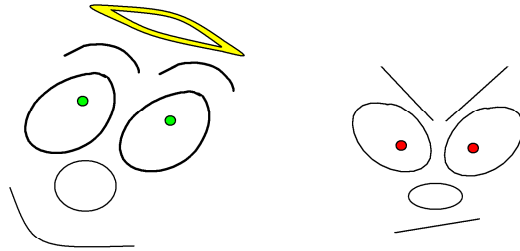
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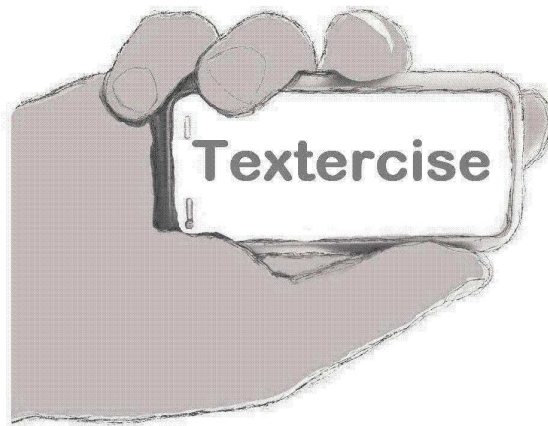


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