



## Past Tense (Passé composé)







#### There are five past tenses in French:

- 1. Passé simple Simple past used only in literature
- 2. Passé compose- Compound past used most frequently to describe completed actions of the past
- 3. Imparfait Imperfect used to describe actions that were continuing in the past, also used to describe weather, places, people, in past narratives



# There are five past tenses in French: 4. Plus Que Parfait - Past Perfect - used to describe action that happened in the past when another action took place 5. Passé récent - used to describe an action that have been completed recently



This lesson mainly concentrates on Passé composé.

The following table describes which French tense correspond to a specific English past tenses:

Eng	glish Tense	English Example	French Tense	French Example
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Sim	ple Past	I ate.	Passé composé	J'ai mangé.
		The weather was	Imparfait	Il faisait beau.
		beautiful. I used to		J'habitais à Paris.
		live in Paris.		



English Tense	English Example	French Tense	French Example	
Simple Past	I just ate. (I just	Passé récent	Je viens de	
1	finished eating)	(O-	manger.	
Past	I was eating when he	Imparfait	Je mangeais	
Continuous	came.		quand il est venu.	
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