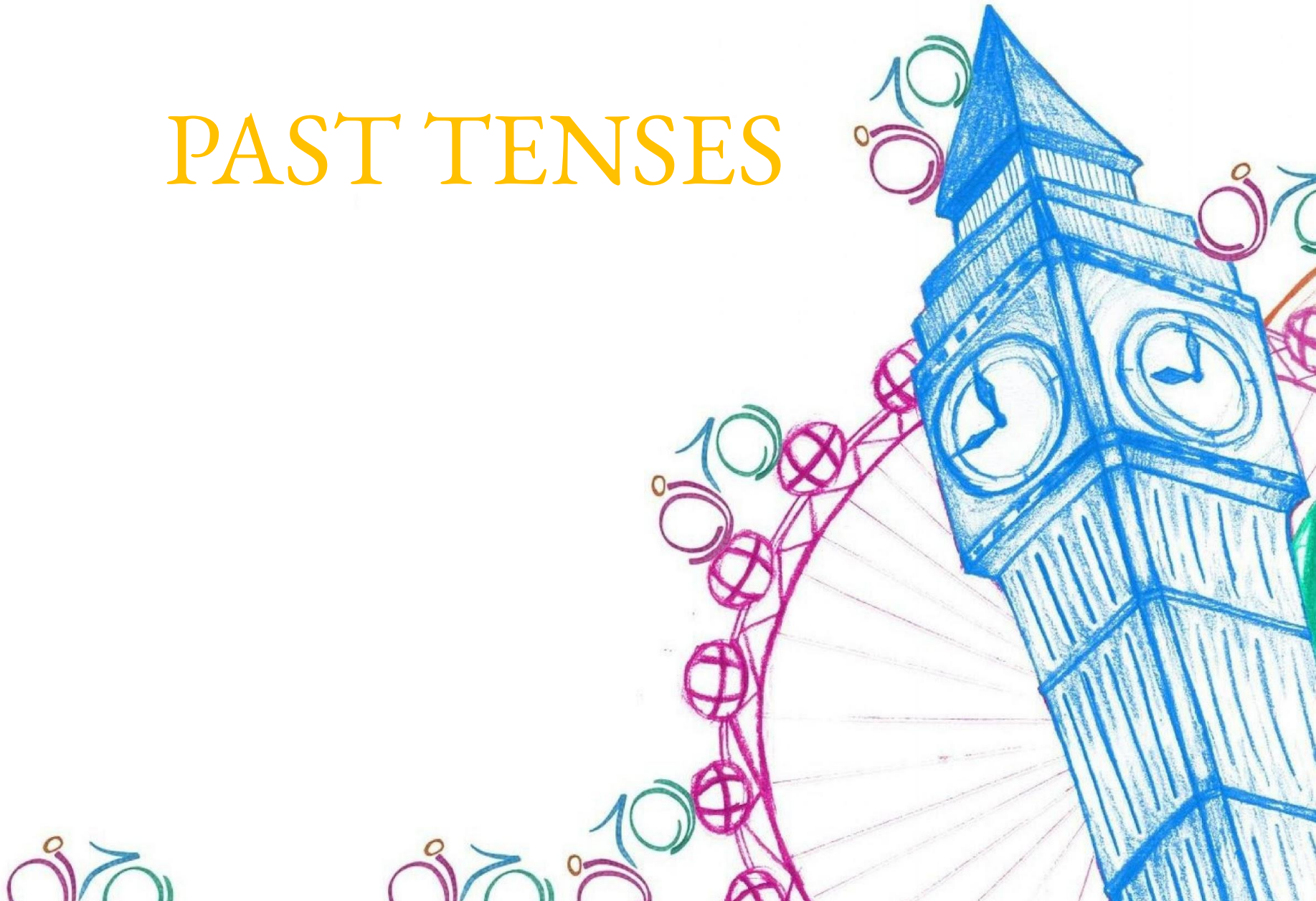


PAST TENSES





PAST SIMPLE (V2, V+ed):
slept, went, had, walked, stopped etc.

+ They got married last year.

- I didn't have time to go for a walk with my friends *yesterday*.

? What time did you wake up this morning?

Use the past simple for finished past actions.



PAST CONTINUOUS: *WAS / WERE + Ving*

? What were you doing at six o'clock last night?

+ I was watching TV.

- It was a cold night and it was raining.

Use the past continuous to describe an action in a progress at a specific time in the past.

PAST PERFECT:

had + past participle (V3)

- + When they turned on the TV, the match **had finished**.
- He felt nervous because he **hadn't flown** before.

Use the past perfect when you are talking about the past and you want to talk about an earlier past action.

USING NERATIVE TENSES TOGETHER

1. John arrived and they had dinner.

(first John arrived, then they had dinner)

2. When John arrived, they were having dinner

(when John arrived they were in the middle of dinner)

3. When John arrived, they had had dinner

they had dinner before John arrived)

Complete with the past simple, past continuous, past perfect

Eg: We **didn't realize** that we **had been** there before. (not realize, be)

1. A: How **DID THE ACCIDENT HAPPEN** (the accident happen)?
B: He **WAS DRIVING** back from Manchester when he **HIT** a tree (drive / hit).
2. I **HAD ALREADY STARTED** to leave when they **CALLED** me to say they couldn't come. (already / start, call)
3. When I got home I was really tired, so I **TOOK** a shower and **WENT** to bed. (take, go)
4. I arrived too late. The concert **HAD FINISHED** and my friends **HAD GONE** home. (finish, go)
5. The driver **LOST** control of his car because he **WAS TALKING** on his mobile. (lose, talk)