
Past Tense

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get		
		wasn't
	had	
	knew	
owe		
look		
	found	
		didn't recognize
	stole	
call		
	went	
need		
	answered	
happen		
give		
	told	
create		
	could	
help		
act		
	turned	

Past Tense: Answer Key

Verb	past tense	negative past tense
get	<i>got</i>	<i>didn't get</i>
be	<i>was, were</i>	<i>wasn't</i>
have	<i>had</i>	<i>didn't have</i>
know	<i>knew</i>	<i>didn't know</i>
owe	<i>owed</i>	<i>didn't owe</i>
look	<i>looked</i>	<i>didn't look</i>
find	<i>found</i>	<i>didn't find</i>
recognize	<i>recognized</i>	<i>didn't recognize</i>
steal	<i>stole</i>	<i>didn't steal</i>
call	<i>called</i>	<i>didn't call</i>
go	<i>went</i>	<i>didn't go</i>
need	<i>needed</i>	<i>didn't need</i>
answer	<i>answered</i>	<i>didn't answer</i>
happen	<i>happened</i>	<i>didn't happen</i>
give	<i>gave</i>	<i>didn't give</i>
tell	<i>told</i>	<i>didn't tell</i>
create	<i>created</i>	<i>didn't create</i>
can	<i>could</i>	<i>couldn't</i>
help	<i>helped</i>	<i>didn't help</i>
act	<i>acted</i>	<i>didn't act</i>
turn	<i>turned</i>	<i>didn't turn</i>

Past Tense Verb Practice

Use the verbs from the box below to complete the paragraph about Maria. You should use the past tense form; refer back to the table if you are unsure of the correct form of the past tense. In some cases, you should use the negative form of the verb. The first one is done for you as an example.

Maria got a bill from a doctor in the mail. She _____ the charges, and she _____ the doctor. Maria _____ the doctor's office and _____ them someone _____ her identity. The receptionist who _____ said Maria _____ to report the identity theft in order to cancel the bill. She said Maria _____ report the theft to the government. So Maria _____ an account on IdentityTheft.gov.

recognize	tell	create	steal	call
answer	can	need	know	

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Maria got a bill from a doctor in the mail. She *didn't recognize* the charges, and she *didn't know* the doctor. Maria *called* the doctor's office and *told* them someone *stole* her identity. The receptionist who *answered* said Maria *needed* to report the identity theft in order to cancel the bill. She said Maria *could* report the theft to the government. So Maria *created* an account on IdentityTheft.gov.

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