

In this part, you will learn to form the past tense form of regular verbs and use the simple past tense to talk about past activities or events.

Four years ago

I

watched

my first film.

Last year

# Simple past tense

We have learnt to use the simple past tense to describe ourselves in the past.



Three years ago I was weak.



Now I am strong.



# Simple past tense

Now let's look at this example.



I **was** happy in this picture.

When?

Why?



# Simple past tense

Now let's look at this example.



We change the verb when we talk about what we did in the past:  
play → play<sup>ed</sup>

Five years ago I play<sup>ed</sup> football for the first time.

# Forming past tense : *ed*

We usually add ***ed*** to the verb to form the past tense form.

Four years ago I watch***ed*** a scary movie.

Last year I fail***ed*** my Maths exam.

+ ed

crawl → crawled

walk → walked

laugh → laughed

paint → painted

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# Forming past tense : *d*

But some words are different.



We only add **d** to words that end in **e**.

Eight years ago she smiled**d** for the first time.

Two years ago my puppy died**d** in an accident.

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+ d

smile → smiled

dance → danced

share → shared

like → liked

# Forming past tense : *ied*

What about words that end in **y**?



For verbs ending in y, we change the **y** to **i** and then add **ed**.

Seven years ago he play**ed** on the swing for the first time and cry**ed**.

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y → ied

cry → cried

study → studied

# Forming past tense : double consonant

And what about these words?

 When a word ends with a short vowel and then a consonant, we double the consonant and then add **ed**.

Last year I visited a zoo in Australia. I **hugged** a koala for the first time.

short vowel consonant

hugged  
chatted

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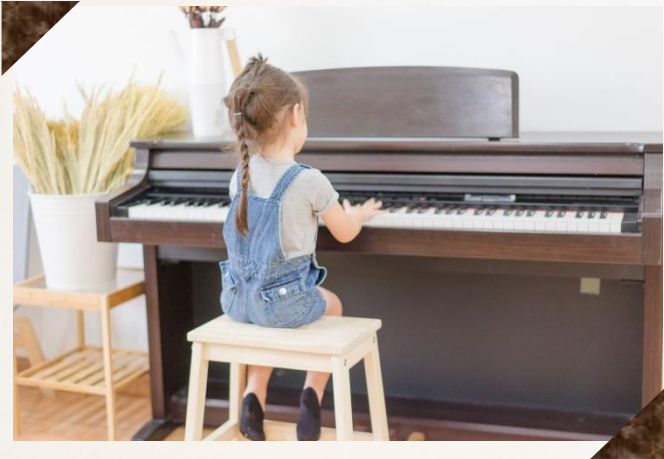
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Six years ago I  
\_\_\_\_\_ (start)  
kindergarten.

# Quick Check

2. Fill in the blanks.



Five years ago, I  
\_\_\_\_\_ (be) three  
years old. I \_\_\_\_\_  
(try) to play piano  
for the first time.

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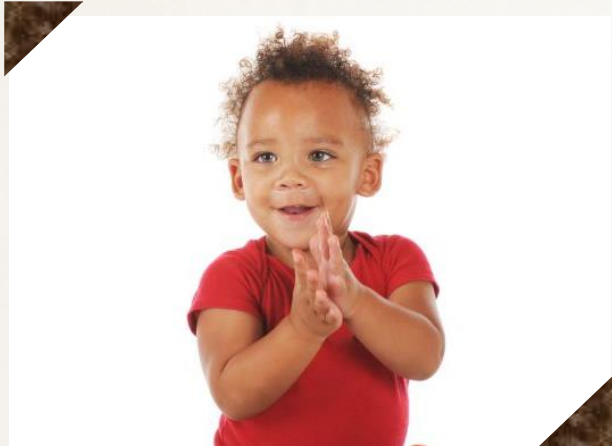


Six years ago I  
\_\_\_\_\_ (cry) on the  
first day of school.  
My mother \_\_\_\_\_  
(hug) me to comfort  
me.



# Quick Check

4. Fill in the blanks.



Four years ago my  
baby sister \_\_\_\_\_  
(watch) TV for the  
first time. She \_\_\_\_\_  
(be) happy and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (clap).

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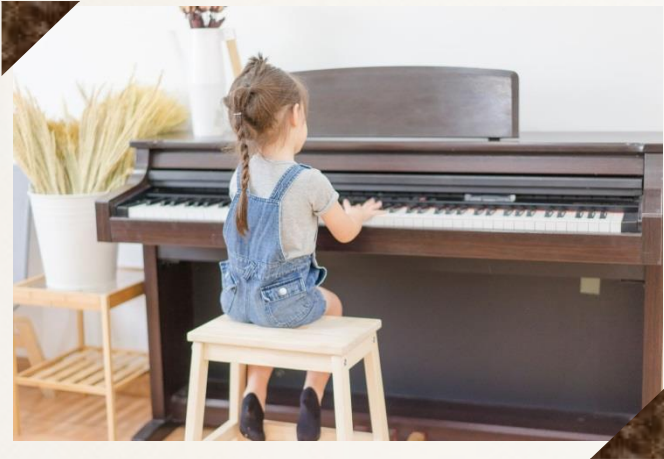
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Six years ago I  
started (start)  
kindergarten.

# Quick Check

2. Fill in the blanks.



Five years ago, I  
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years old. I tried  
(try) to play piano  
for the first time.



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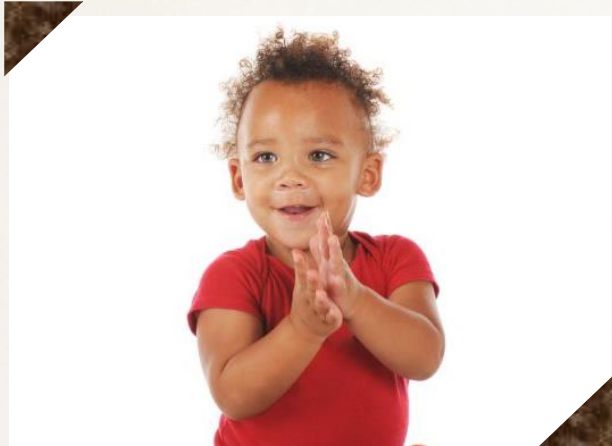
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Six years ago I  
cried (cry) on the  
first day of school.  
My mother hugged  
(hug) me to comfort  
me.

# Quick Check

4. Fill in the blanks.



Four years ago my  
baby sister watched  
(watch) TV for the  
first time. She was  
(be) happy and  
clapped (clap).