



Simple Past: Ago, Last, In

Examples

- I was on time for class yesterday.
- Andy wasn't born in May. He was born in March.
- Were you at the party last weekend?

Ago / Last / In

'Ago' is used at the end of a sentence preceded by a specific amount of time such as: three days ago, two weeks ago, one month ago, etc.

'Last' is used with 'week', 'month', and 'year'.

'In' is used with specific months and years in the past.

Practice

Choose the correct time expression used with the past simple tense.

1. Chris left on holiday (last / ago) week.
2. I played baseball (when / last) I was in high school.
3. Were you able to go to the party (ago / in) May?
4. He didn't think about those problems two weeks (last / ago).
5. There weren't any children at the library (last / when) Saturday.
6. Jenny wanted us to come and help two weeks (ago / when).
7. Penelope went to a meeting in California (last / ago) Tuesday.
8. Alex made a number of mistakes (yesterday / tomorrow).
9. Terry was born (at / in) 1985.
10. Our teacher helped us understand the problem (this morning / tomorrow morning).
11. I bought a new desk for my office (last / next) week.
12. Did you finish the meeting on time (yesterday / last) evening?
13. Susan visited her uncle in San Francisco (last / ago) Sunday.
14. My grandfather took me to the zoo (when / last) I was a child.
15. They opened a new cafe (in / on) Tuesday.
16. He drove to Canada (in / on) February.
17. We enjoyed dinner with our friends (yesterday / tomorrow).
18. Anna played the violin for two hours (on / in) Tuesday.
19. Frank didn't attend the meeting (last / ago) week.
20. Amy opened a bottle of wine two hours (ago / last).

Answers:

1. Last
2. When
3. In
4. Ago
5. Last
6. Ago
7. Last
8. Yesterday
9. In
10. This morning
11. Last
12. Yesterday
13. Last
14. When
15. On
16. In
17. Yesterday
18. On
19. Last
20. Ago
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