

past**1. [pa:st] n****1. (the past)****1) прошлое, минувшее, прошедшее**

we cannot change the past - ≅ прошлого не воротишь

memories of the past filled his mind - на него нахлынули воспоминания о прошлом

it is a thing of the past - это дело прошлое

in the past it's been very difficult to get tickets - раньше было очень трудно доставать билеты

2) прошлое (историческое)

our country has a glorious past - у нашей страны славное прошлое

this city has a very interesting past - у этого города очень интересное историческое прошлое

3) жизнь человека

we know nothing of his past - мы ничего не знаем о его прошлом

a woman with /who has had/ a past - женщина с прошлым

2. (the past) грам. прошедшее время**2. [pa:st] a****1. прошлый, минувший, истекший**

the past generations - минувшие поколения

past history - *мед.* анамнез

for some time past - (за) последнее время

in the past week - на прошлой неделе

in times past - в прошлом

I have not been feeling very well for the past few days - в последние дни я чувствую себя неважно

in ages past and gone - в далёком прошлом

he is past his prime /best/ - его молодость уже прошла

winter is past and spring has come - зима прошла, пришла весна

the worst part of the trip is past - худшая часть поездки позади

the epidemic is past its worst - эпидемия уже утихает

I'm past caring about it - мне это уже безразлично

the old man is past work - старик уже не может работать

he is a past president of our club - он бывший президент нашего клуба

2. грам. прошедший

past tense - прошедшее время

past participle - причастие прошедшего времени

3. [pa:st] adv**1) мимо**

to go [to ride, to run] past - пройти [проехать, пробежать] мимо

the crowd swept past - толпа пронеслась мимо

days went past without any news - шли дни, а новостей не было

the buses go past once an hour - автобусы ходят (здесь) каждый час

the years flew past - годы пролетели

2) диал. в сторону

to lay past - откладывать, сберегать

4. [pa:st] prep**1. во временном значении указывает на****1) более позднее совершение действия позже, за, после**

past midnight - после полуночи, за полночь

he stayed up till past eleven o'clock - он лёг позже одиннадцати

2) время по часам:

half past seven - половина восьмого

2. в пространственном значении указывает на движение**1) мимо чего-л. мимо**

to walk past smb., smth. - пройти мимо кого-л., чего-л.

past the mark - мимо цели

the driver took the bus past the traffic signal - водитель автобуса проехал на красный свет

2) по другую сторону чего-л. за, по ту сторону

past the bridge - за мостом

past the boundary - за границей

3. указывает на выход за рамки, пределы, нормы и т. п. сверх, выше, больше; вне

he is past forty - ему за сорок

he is past middle age - он пожилой человек

not past a mile to go - не больше мили ходьбы

past cure - а) неизлечимо; б) неизлечимый

a malady past cure - неизлечимая болезнь

past belief - а) невероятно; б) невероятный

past all understanding - а) непостижимо; б) непостижимый

it is past my comprehension - этого я не могу постичь; это выше моего понимания

past bearing /endurance/ - а) невыносимо; б) невыносимый

the pain was past bearing - боль была нестерпима

to be past (all) danger - быть вне (всякой) опасности
he was past dreading it - он (уже) не боялся этого
the sick man's condition is past hope - состояние больного безнадежно
past praying for - *пазз.* безнадежный
to be past oneself - *пазз.* быть вне себя

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past

past [past pɑ:st] adjective, noun, preposition, adverb *BrE* [pɑ:st] *NAmE* [pæst]

adjective

- gone by in time**
 - in past years/centuries/ages
 - in times past
 - The time for discussion is past.
- only before noun** gone by recently; just ended
 - I haven't seen much of her in the past few weeks.
 - The past month has been really busy at work.
- only before noun** belonging to an earlier time
 - past events
 - From past experience I'd say he'd probably forgotten the time.
 - past and present students** of the college
 - Let's forget about who was more to blame— it's all **past history**.
- only before noun** (*grammar*) connected with the form of a verb used to express actions in the past

Word Origin:

Middle English: variant of passed, past participle of ↑pass.

Thesaurus:

past adj.

1. usually before noun

- In past years the industry received large subsidies.

previous • **former** • **old** • **distant** • **remote** • |formal **prior** • |written **bygone** •

Opp: present

(a) past/previous/former/distant/remote/bygone **era/times**

(a) past/previous **experience /history/life**

a past/previous/former **owner/president/prime minister**

Past, old or former? Use **past** or **former** to talk about times gone by; use **old** to talk about things from your own life: **my old school/colleagues/friends**. **Former** can also describe sth that has changed: **the former Yugoslav republic**. A **former friend** is sb who is no longer your friend; an **old friend** is sb you have known for a long time.

2. only before noun

- I've not seen her in the past few weeks.

last • **previous** • |formal **preceding** •

Opp: next

the past/last/previous/preceding **few days/week/month/year/decade/century**

the past/last/previous **weekend /season/hundred years**

Past or last? You can only use **past** about a period of time that has just gone by; it must be used with **the** or a determiner such as **this**:

- The past week has been very busy.
- Last week was very busy.

Past is not used about particular dates, or about things:

- The critics hated her last book.

✗ The critics hated her past book.

Example Bank:

- I haven't seen much of her in the past few weeks.
- In past years the industry received large subsidies.
- Let's forget about who was more to blame— it's all past history.
- The book is a celebration of working class life in times past.
- The past week has been very busy.
- The reunion is for past and present students of the college.
- Theatre in past centuries was mass entertainment, but that is not the case today.
- These past months have been terribly stressful for everyone.

Idiom: ↑past it

noun

- the past singular** the time that has gone by; things that happened in an earlier time
 - I used to go there often in the past.
 - the **recent/distant past**
 - She looked back on the past without regret.

• Writing letters seems to be **a thing of the past** .

2. countable a person's past life or career

• We don't know anything about his past.

• They say she has a 'past' (= bad things in her past life that she wishes to keep secret) .

3. the past singular (grammar) = ↑past tense

see a blast from the past **at** ↑blast _{n.}, the (dim and) distant past **at** ↑distant, live in the past **at** ↑live ¹

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past noun

1. the past sing.

• It all happened in the distant past.

history • |informal **the old days** •

Opp: the future, Opp: the present

in the past/(sth's) history/the old days

sth's **colourful/rich/chequered /glorious** past/history

(the/sth's) **recent/ancient/medieval** past/history

2. C, usually sing.

• She didn't tell them about her boyfriend's criminal past.

background • • **record** • • **history** • • **track record** • • **life history** • • **upbringing** • • **origins** •

Opp: future

a **colourful/chequered** past/history

sb's **criminal** past/background/record/history

Example Bank:

• Archaeology provides us with tools for reconstructing the past.

• Don't worry about it— it's all in the past now.

• Few remnants remain of the city's glorious past.

• He tried in vain to recapture his past.

• He was forced to confront his forgotten past.

• I admit that I have made mistakes in the past.

• In an effort to make a complete break with the past, she sold everything and went abroad.

• It all happened in the distant past.

• Many modern festivals can be traced back to an ancient past.

• Memories from the past came flooding back to him.

• Political parties cannot escape from their pasts any more than individuals can.

• The counselling helped Dan to put the past behind him.

• The old market is a living link with the past, unchanged for hundreds of years.

• The uncovering of the buried town gives us a unique glimpse of the past.

• These customs are a relic of the country's colonial past.

• Those memories belong to the past and I don't want to think about them.

• We're going to have to stop living in the past and invest in new technology if the company is to survive

• a new device that makes such problems a thing of the past

• at some time in her past

• events stretching back many years into the past

• ghosts from his past

• great artists of the past

• She didn't tell them about her boyfriend's criminal past.

• The country still suffers as a result of its colonial past.

• They say she has a 'past'.

• We don't know anything about his past.

preposition

1. (NAme also after) later than sth

• half past two

• ten (minutes) past six

• There's a bus at twenty minutes past the hour (= at 1.20, 2.20, etc.) .

• We arrived at two o'clock and left at ten past (= ten minutes past two) .

• It was past midnight when we got home.

2. on or to the other side of sb/sth

• We live in the house just past the church.

• He hurried past them without stopping.

• He just walked **straight past** us!

3. above or further than a particular point or stage

• Unemployment is now past the 3 million mark.

• The flowers are past their best.

• He's past his prime.

- She's long past retirement age.
- Honestly, I'm **past caring** what happens (= I can no longer be bothered to care) .

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adverb

1. from one side of sth to the other
 - I called out to him as he ran past.
2. used to describe time passing

Syn: ↑by

- A week went past and nothing had changed.

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See also: ↑after

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I. **past**¹ **S1 W1** /pɑːst/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **adjective**

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: Old past participle of pass]

1. **PREVIOUS** [only before noun] done, used, or experienced before now:
 - Judging by her past performance, Jane should do very well.
 - From past experience she knew that it was no use arguing with him.
 - Study some past exam papers to get an idea of the questions.
2. **RECENT** [only before noun] used to refer to a period up until now:
 - the events of the past year
 - During the past two weeks, 12 people have died of the disease.
 - She has been feeling tired for the past few days.
3. **FINISHED** finished or having come to an end:
 - Winter is past and spring has come at last.
 - writers from past centuries
 - a tradition rooted in times long past
4. **FORMER** [only before noun] having held a particular position in the past or achieved a particular honour in the past
past president/member/winner etc
 - a past president of the golf club
 - a celebration for past and present employees of the newspaper
 - Bruce Jenner, a past Olympic champion
5. **GRAMMAR** [only before noun] relating to the ↑past tense

II. **past**² **S1 W2** *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **preposition, adverb**

1. later than a particular time:
 - It's ten past nine.
 - I should be finished by half past (=30 minutes after the hour).
 - It was past midnight when the party ended.
 - Come on Annie, it's long past your bedtime.
2. further than a particular place:
 - The hospital's just up this road, about a mile past the school.
 - There are parking spaces overthere, just past (=a little further than) the garage.
3. up to and beyond a person or place, without stopping:
 - She waved as she drove past.
 - Will you be going past my house on your way home?

straight/right past (=used to emphasize that someone passes close to you and does not stop)

 - Monica hurried straight past me and down the steps.
4. if a period of time goes past, it passes:
 - Weeks went past without any news.
 - The hours seemed to fly past.
5. beyond or no longer at a particular point or stage:
 - The roses were already past their best.
 - Reid never really got past the stage of copying other artists.
 - a pot of yoghurt well past its sell-by date
 - an Italian singer who was then past her prime (=no longer strong and active)
 - I'm past caring about my appearance (=I do not care about it any more).
6. **I wouldn't put it past somebody (to do something)** *spoken* used to say that you would not be surprised if someone did something bad or unusual because it is typical of them to do that type of thing:
 - I wouldn't put it past Colin to cheat.
7. **past it** *British English spoken* too old to be able to do what you used to do, or too old to be useful:
 - People seem to think that just because I'm retired, I'm past it.
8. **be past due** *American English* something that is past due has not been paid or done by the time it should have been

III. **past**³ **S1 W2** *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **noun**

1. the past

a) the time that existed before the present

in the past

- " The lake was smaller in the past.
- " Good manners have become a thing of the past (=something that does not exist any more).
- " It's time she stopped living in the past (=thinking only about the past) and began to think about her future.

the recent/immediate/distant past

- " She allowed her mind to drift towards the recent past.
- " I did a law degree some time in the dim and distant past (=a long time ago).

b) the ↑past tense

2. **all in the past** *spoken* used to say that an unpleasant experience has ended and can be forgotten:

- " You mustn't think about it. It's all in the past now.

3. **[singular]** the past life or existence of someone or something:

- " At some time in its past the church was rebuilt.
- " The woman who ran the bar had a very shady past (=events in her past which might be considered bad).

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **the recent past** The optimistic economic climate of the recent past has gone.
- **the distant/remote past** Rivers of molten lava clearly flowed here in the distant past.
- **the immediate past** (=the very recent past) In order to understand the present, we must look at the immediate past.

■ verbs

- **forget the past** Forget the past and focus on the future.
- **be living in the past** (=think only about the past) You've got to stop living in the past.

■ phrases

- **be/become a thing of the past** (=not exist any more, or stop existing) We hope that smoking will become a thing of the past.
- **a break with the past** (=when something is done in a completely different way to how it was done in the past) These policies are a break with the past.
- **in the dim and distant past** (=a very long time ago) I think she sang Ireland's entry in the Eurovision Song Contest sometime in the dim and distant past.

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- **in the past** at a time before now, especially a long time ago: In the past, most children didn't go to school at all. | We had a big argument, but it's all in the past now.
- **in those days/in the old days** a long time ago in your life, or in your parents' or grandparents' lives, when things were different: £5 was a lot of money in those days. | In the old days, only very rich people had cars.
- **at one time** used for saying that something was true in the past, but is not now: At one time there were six schools in the village. | I would have agreed with you at one time.
- **back in the day** *informal* used when you are talking about a time in the past, especially one that you remember as being very good: I loved Blondie back in the day. | Back in the day, everyone would meet at the boys' club.

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