

ago[ə'gəʊ] *adv*

тому назад

many years ago - много лет тому назад, давно

long ago - (очень) давно; давным-давно

a long /good/ while ago - очень давно, так давно, что и не вспомнить

not long ago - недавно

how long ago is it that you last saw her? - когда вы видели её последний раз?

I met him no longer ago than last week - я встретил его не далее как на прошлой неделе

ago

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

ago *BrE* [ə'gəʊ] ^m *NAmE* [ə'gəʊ] ^m *adverb*

used in expressions of time with the simple past tense to show how far in the past sth happened

- two weeks/months/years ago
- The letter came a few days ago.
- She was here just a minute ago.
- a short/long time ago
- How long ago did you buy it?
- It was on TV not (so) long ago.
- He stopped working some time ago (= quite a long time ago) .
- They're getting married? It's not that long ago (= it's only a short time ago) that they met!

Word Origin:

[ago] Middle English ago, agone, past participle of the obsolete verb ago 'pass', used to express passage of time.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

ago *S1 W1* /ə'gəʊ \$ ə'gəʊ/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m *adverb*

[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: From the past participle of ago 'to pass away' (11-17 centuries), from Old English agan, from gan 'to go']

used to show how far back in the past something happened

5 minutes/an hour/20 years etc ago

" Her husband died 14 years ago.

long ago/a long time ago

" He should have finished at university long ago, but he kept taking extra courses.

a minute/moment ago

" The little girl you saw a moment ago was my niece.

a little/short while ago

" Tom got a letter from him just a little while ago.

" They moved to a new house some time ago (=a fairly long time ago).

" We had our bicentenary celebrations not that long ago.

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GRAMMAR**ago, before, previously**Use **ago** to say how much time has passed from the time something happened to the present time:

▪ We went to Madrid two years ago.

Use **before** to say how much time passed from the time something happened to a time in the past:

▪ Her husband had died many years before.

Previously is used in the same way, but is more formal:

▪ The meeting was a follow-up to one that had been held four days previously.

▶ Use the past tense, not the present perfect, with **ago**:

▪ I started (NOT I've started) a new job a few weeks ago.

▶ Do not use a preposition ('at', 'in', 'on' etc) before a phrase with **ago**:

▪ They first met fifteen years ago (NOT at/in fifteen years ago).

▶ Do not use 'since' or 'before' with **ago**:

▪ I came to the US two months ago (NOT since/before two months ago).

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