

Practicing the 4 past tenses in English with *Little Red Cap* by the Brothers Grimm

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### Purpose

In order to check for myself if past tense usage is correct I made a key to color code and review

### Exercise

I generated new phrases that I inserted into the original story and checked them against the 4 past tenses. If you have not read the story yet, go check it out. Here is the original [story](#).

<p>And Little Red Cap thought to herself;</p> <p>She peeked at them secretly while they walked side by side;</p> <p>After a moment, Little Red Cap decided the wolf must be a friendly one;</p> <p>Nobody chose scariness;</p> <p>So, Little Red Cap released her judgmental presumptions about the wolf;</p> <p>...and she thought he was sweet;</p> <p>So, the two of them enjoyed each other's company and continued to her grandmother's house;</p>	<p>The simple past tense describes something that was started and completed entirely in the past.</p>	<p>E.g. John wanted to be a writer.</p>
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Afterall, wolves were always facing the burden of these awful weapons;	The past progressive tense describes something that was started and continues in the past.	E.g. He was always writing in his journal.
In fact, he had given her compliments...;	The past perfect tense describes something that was completed before something else.	E.g. John had begun to write his first novel in November.
The notion of vicious fangs and sharp claws had frightened Little Red Cap before she looked at them herself;	The past perfect progressive tense describes something that was started and continued to a specific point in the past.	E.g. He had been writing his novel for 2 months before he finished.