

Past tense responses

Past tense responses are used in English to answer questions or make statements about past events, actions, or experiences. They provide information about what happened or didn't happen in the past. Past tense responses typically involve using the past simple tense, which is used to describe completed actions or events in the past.

Here are some common patterns for past tense responses:

1. **Affirmative Responses** (Positive Responses):

- Affirmative responses confirm that the action or event in question did indeed happen in the past.
- Example 1 (Question): Did you visit the museum yesterday?
 - Affirmative Response: Yes, I visited the museum yesterday.
- Example 2 (Statement): She cooked dinner last night.
 - Affirmative Response: Yes, she cooked dinner last night.

2. **Negative Responses** (Negative Responses):

- Negative responses indicate that the action or event did not happen in the past.
- Example 1 (Question): Did they watch the movie?
 - Negative Response: No, they didn't watch the movie.
- Example 2 (Statement): He didn't finish his homework.
 - Negative Response: No, he didn't finish his homework.

3. **Short Answers:**

- Short answers are often used in response to questions and consist of a simple "yes" or "no" without repeating the entire question.
- Example 1 (Question): Did you go to the party?
 - Short Affirmative Response: Yes, I did.

- Short Negative Response: No, I didn't.
- Example 2 (Question): Did she call you?
 - Short Affirmative Response: Yes, she did.
 - Short Negative Response: No, she didn't.

Summary Chart:

Type of Response	Example Question	Example Response
Affirmative Response	Did you visit the museum yesterday?	Yes, I visited the museum yesterday.
Negative Response	Did they watch the movie?	No, they didn't watch the movie.
Short Affirmative Response	Did she call you?	Yes, she did.
Short Negative Response	Did you finish your homework?	No, I didn't.