

Express duration in past tense: Subj. + verb + 了 + duration + obj.

He studied Chinese yesterday. Past tense

zuótiān tā xué le hànyǔ
昨天他学了汉语

Yesterday he studied Chinese for two hours. Duration in past tense

zuótiān tā xué le liǎng gè xiǎoshí de hànyǔ
昨天他学了两个小时汉语

I called yesterday. Past tense

zuótiān wǒ dǎ le diànhuà
昨天我打了电话。

I was on the phone for an hour yesterday. Duration in past tense

zuótiān wǒ dǎ le yí gè xiǎoshí de diànhuà
昨天我打了一个小时的电话。

Look at the pictures and make sentences with words given

 kàndiànyǐng liǎng gè xiǎoshí 看电影 两个小时	 kànshū yí kè zhōng 看书 一刻钟
 pǎobù èr shí fēn zhōng 跑步 二十分钟	 gōngzuò sān gè xiǎoshí 工作 三个小时