

Past time expressions

I've got a lot to tell you. There was a school play **last Saturday** and **two weeks ago** I played in a concert.



We use these expressions to talk about when something happened in the past:

last + night / Friday / week / month / year

*I watched a good film **last Saturday**.*

ago after a period of time

*We went to London **three years ago**.*

yesterday + morning / afternoon / evening

*I emailed her **yesterday evening**.*

Time expressions can go at the beginning or end of a sentence.

*I played in a concert **last week**. **Last week**, I played in a concert.*

5 Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

1 Last week, Jane had a party. ☒

Jane had a party week last. ☐

2 Ago two weeks it was my birthday. ☐

Two weeks ago it was my birthday. ☐

3 Frank's birthday was yesterday. ☐

Yesterday Frank's birthday was. ☐

4 We had yesterday a big party. ☐

We had a big party yesterday. ☐

5 Tina had dinner evening yesterday. ☐

Tina had dinner yesterday evening. ☐

6 We played tennis ago two hours. ☐

We played tennis two hours ago. ☐

7 I had an exam yesterday afternoon. ☐

I had an exam last afternoon. ☐

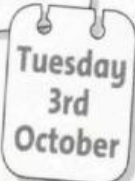
8 I phoned you a Friday ago. ☐

I phoned you last Friday. ☐

- 6 Complete the sentences. Use the verb in brackets and a time expression from the box. Then rewrite each sentence with the time expression at the end.

Today is Saturday 15th November.

~~Last Saturday~~ Last month Yesterday evening
Last Monday Yesterday Last Thursday

- 1  Last Saturday, Clare played (play) tennis.
Clare played tennis last Saturday.
- 2  _____, it _____ (be) my birthday.

- 3  _____, Jason _____ (play) badminton with Henry.

- 4  _____, I _____ (tidy) my room.

- 5  _____, we _____ (watch) a play at the theatre.

- 6  _____, Dad _____ (phone) Roger.

- 7 Look at the things that happened in exercise 6. Write when they happened. Use time expressions with **ago** and the words from the box.

Remember, today is Saturday 15th November. It is 9 a.m.

~~one week~~ fourteen hours two days five days a month a day

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| 1 <u>one week ago</u> | 2 _____ |
| 3 _____ | 4 _____ |
| 5 _____ | 6 _____ |