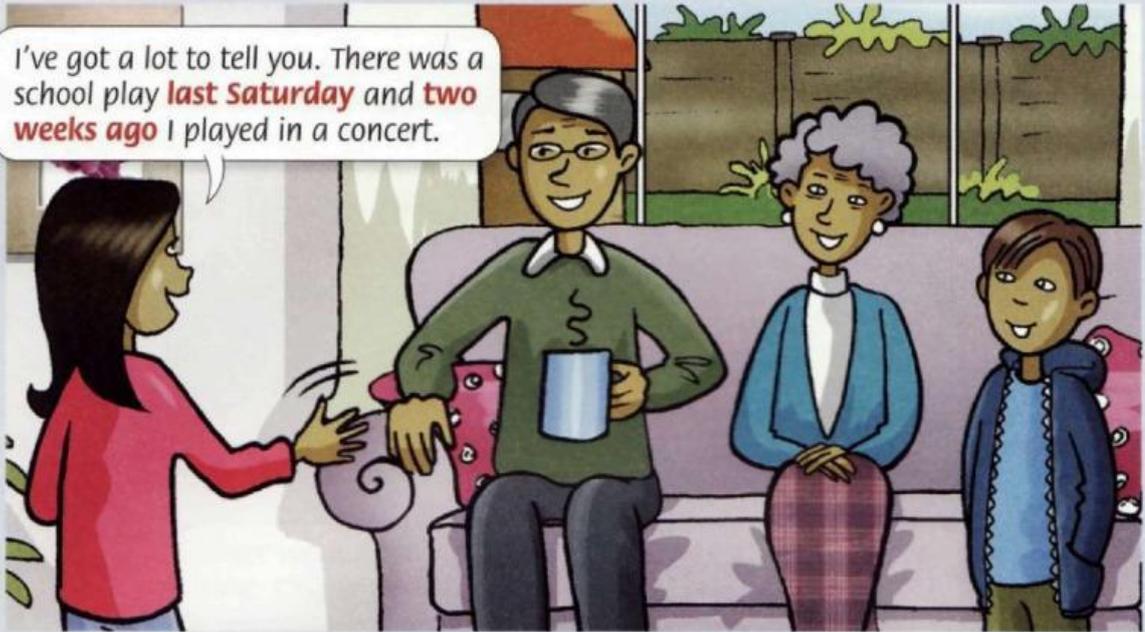


Past time expressions

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.

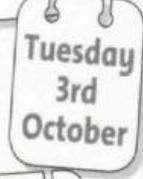
8 I phoned you a Friday ago.

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

- 1 one week ago _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____