

21st Century Lesson Cycle Template

Grade: Beginner level Gr 4-12

Subject: EAL Direct Support

Unit: Simple Past with an extension of Past Perfect for high intermediate

Driving Question(s): When do you use past tense? When do you use past perfect?

Prior Knowledge:

- Students have been working on sentence structure in the present tense.
- Some students may already be using regular past tense in their writing.

Screencast and Online Link(s):

Grammar Tutorial (Past and Past Perfect) Screencast:

<http://www.showme.com/sh/?h=ZWKkU40>

Irregular verb list:

<https://www.englishclub.com/vocabulary/irregular-verbs-list.htm>

Online postcard creator (also an app): <http://www.touchnote.com>

Postcard Creator Online Tool (good for beginners and younger students):

<http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/student-interactives/postcard-creator-30061.html>

Vacation postcard (script at end of lesson)

Expected Time: 1 EAL direct support class (75 minute blocks)

Resources:
(Tools & Tech)

Lesson Procedure

- I do: **(30 minutes)** Screencast can be used here.
- Teacher draws a timeline on the board (or interactive white board) with 'past', 'now', and 'future'.
 - Teacher marks and focuses attention on the past

	<p>and uses actions (verbs) to show that the past is used for events that are finished. Teacher uses both regular -ed and irregular verbs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher writes past tense time expressions on a list for students to use in writing (yesterday, last week, last month, etc.) • Teacher shows vacation postcard script to students. Read together as a class, finding and underlining past tense verbs that end in <i>-ed</i>, <i>irregular verbs</i> and <i>two negative verbs</i>. • What questions do students have about the grammar? 												
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	<p>You do: (2nd half of 75 minute block) 45 minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are writing their draft copy of their own postcard about happenings in Nova Scotia, so far. This is done on paper and will be transferred to a digital postcard online or a real postcard to send through mail. Teachers can guide students about the sections of a postcard here. • Students should underline the past tense verbs (or highlight) and time expressions in their first draft. 												
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	<p>We do: (2nd 75 minute block)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students re-write their edited versions of the vacation writing on a real postcard or through a postcard creator online tool, or another tech tool of their choice. 												
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	We share: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students read each other's postcards and find the past tense verbs in each other's writing.
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WRAP UP/REMINDERS: Teacher will mail the postcards for the students.	
Differentiation: EAL levels	
Beginner: Postcard creator: (http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/student-interactives/postcard-creator-30061.html) is a good tool to guide beginners. They can use the verb list and translators. They will have more regular -ed verbs in their writing than irregular.	Intermediate: Give them a goal of using more irregular verbs than regular verbs. Students can also use present perfect to extend the grammar focus.
Evaluation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students should have 10 past tense verbs (Beginner) and time expressions. Students should have 10 past tense verbs both regular and irregular (Intermediate) and time expressions. Students should have 15 past tense verbs including past perfect verbs (High Intermediate) and time expressions. 	

Vacation Postcard script:

Dear Jorge,

Hello from sunny Florida! My brother and I came by plane. After our long flight here, we checked into our hotel, talked for a little while, and went to bed. This morning we sat on the beach. We got there really early, and we watched the sunrise and just listened to the ocean. I brought my guitar and played it for a while. It sounded very beautiful. My brother tried to teach me how to surf. I didn't understand his instructions. He explained it to me again, and I practiced all day. I didn't surf well today, but had a great time!

Your friend, Yuka

Script has: 9 past tense verbs, 6 irregular verbs, two past tense negative

Vacation postcard script taken from: Clear Grammar 1, 2nd Edition. Keith Folse. 2010. p. 142.