

Past Times- Things in Common

Choose *one of the times below* and give information about yourself and ask questions about your partner until you find something in common. Negative sentences that are true for both of you are also okay. Then do the same for other past times below.

Useful language for talking about your past

I... ed...
 I had already...ed...
 I hadn't... yet...
 I was...ing.
 I have(n't)...ed...
 I used to...

Useful language for talking about similarities and differences

Me too!/ I... too.
 Me neither./ I... not... either.
 Really? I...

Without looking below, brainstorm suitable time expressions for each of the sentences below. Some expressions can go in more than one place, but write them in the most common column for each phrase.

I was eating	I have had two cigarettes	I had an accident	I had saved a lot of money

Look below for more ideas. Some time expressions can go in more than one place above.

Check your answers as a class.



A couple of... ago
A fortnight ago
A long time ago
At this time yesterday/ last week/ last month/ last year
At ... o'clock on...
At... a.m. on... day
At... p.m. yesterday
At... in the morning/ afternoon/ evening on the... th of...
At five past/ quarter past/ half past/ ...past...
At... to...
Before I left home/ I...
Before this class/...
By the time I left home
For a long time
For just a short time
For... days/ weeks/ months/ years/ decades.
In 20...
In January/ February/ March/...
In the 19...s
In the last week/ month/ year/ decade
In the last... days/ weeks/ months/ years
Just a short while ago
Just before this lesson
Last night
Last week/ month/ year
Never
On Christmas Day
On... day
On the first of/ second of/ third of/...th of...
On the fourteenth of February
Once/ Twice/ three times/ many times/ ... times
Since 19.../ 20...
Since I joined this class/ I left school/ I woke up/ I...
Since the beginning of this month/ Since the beginning of.../ Since the first of...
Since the end of...
Since the year...
Since... day
The day before yesterday
The week before last
The year before last
This morning/ afternoon/ evening
This week/ month/ year/ decade/ century/ millennium
Today
Yesterday (morning/ afternoon/ evening)
... minutes ago/ hours ago/ days ago/ weeks ago/ months ago/ years ago.