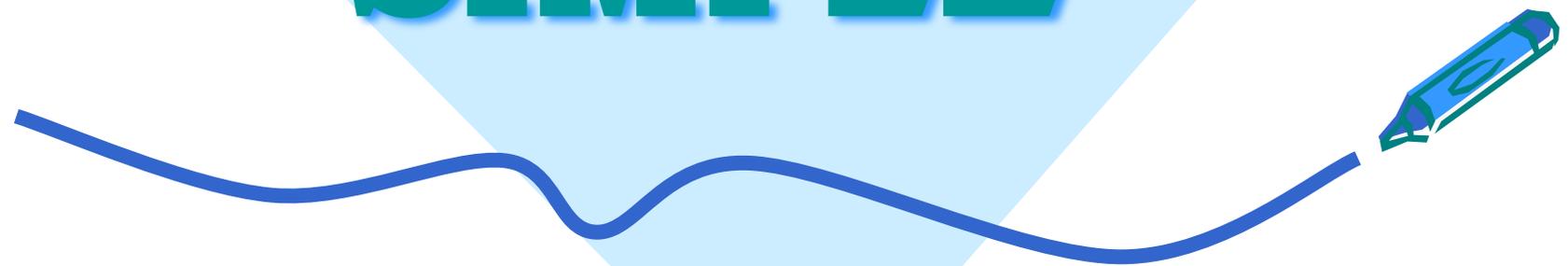


The ENGLISH TENSES

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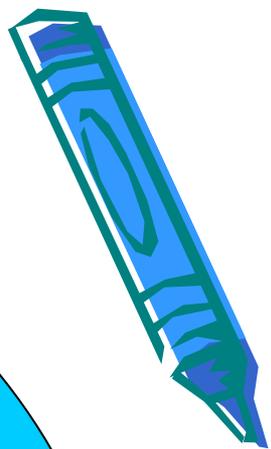
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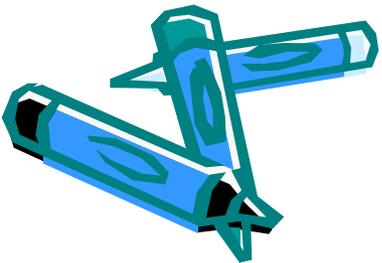
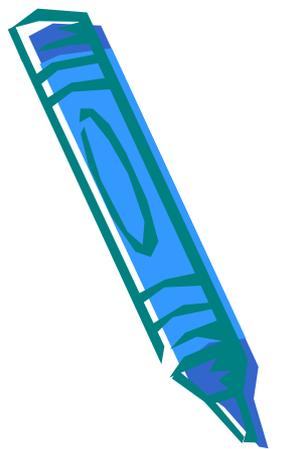


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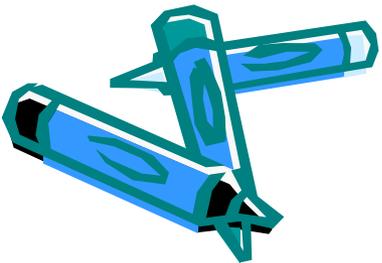
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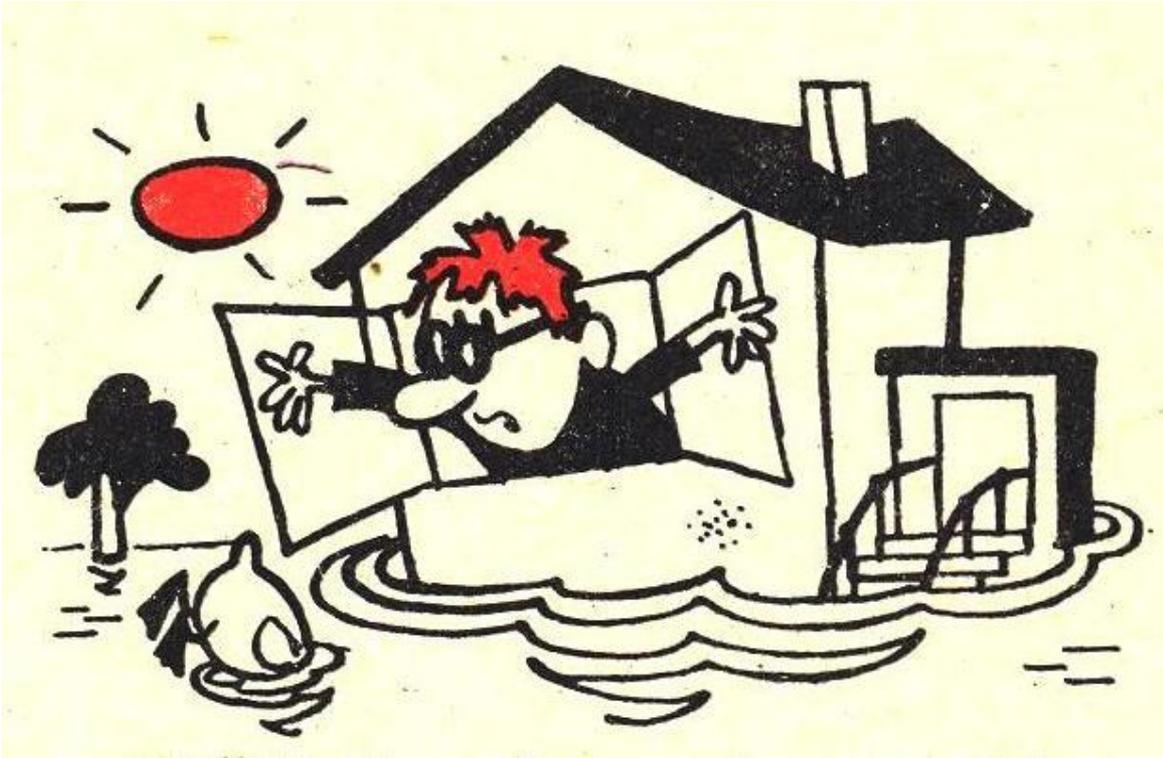
1) to express actions which happened at a definite time in the past:



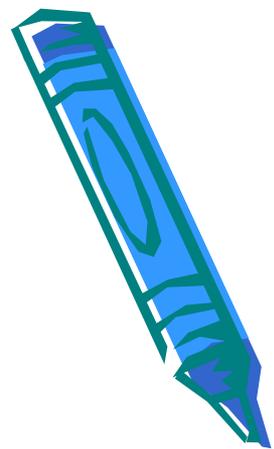
"Eight years ago I went to the kindergarten too".



... a definite
time in the past:



“Did it rain yesterday?”



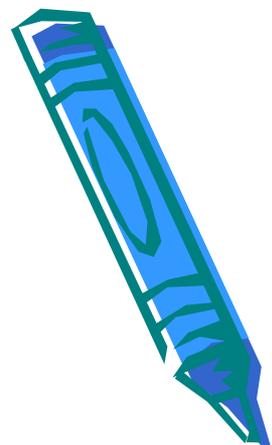
2) to express actions which happened immediately one after the other in the past

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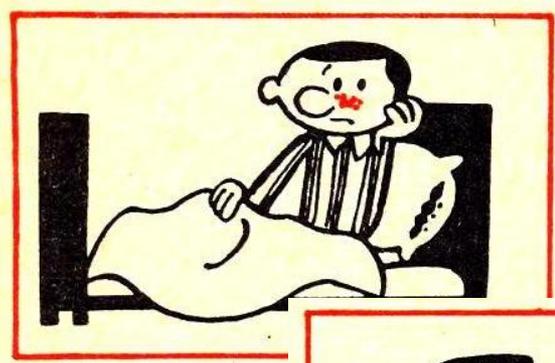
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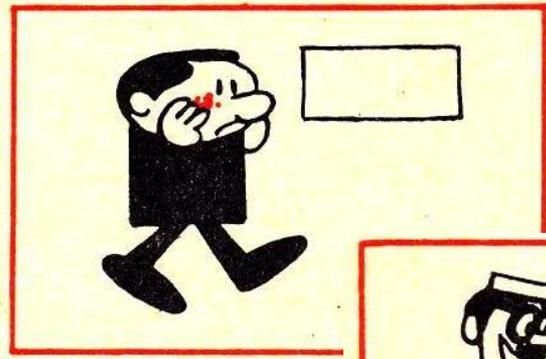
очнулся - ГИПС».



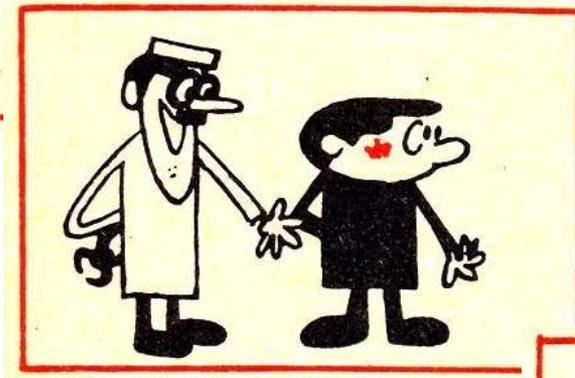
Mr. Smith had an awful toothache yesterday.



He decided to see his dentist.



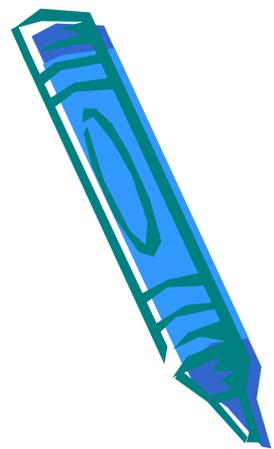
The dentist asked him to sit down in the chair.



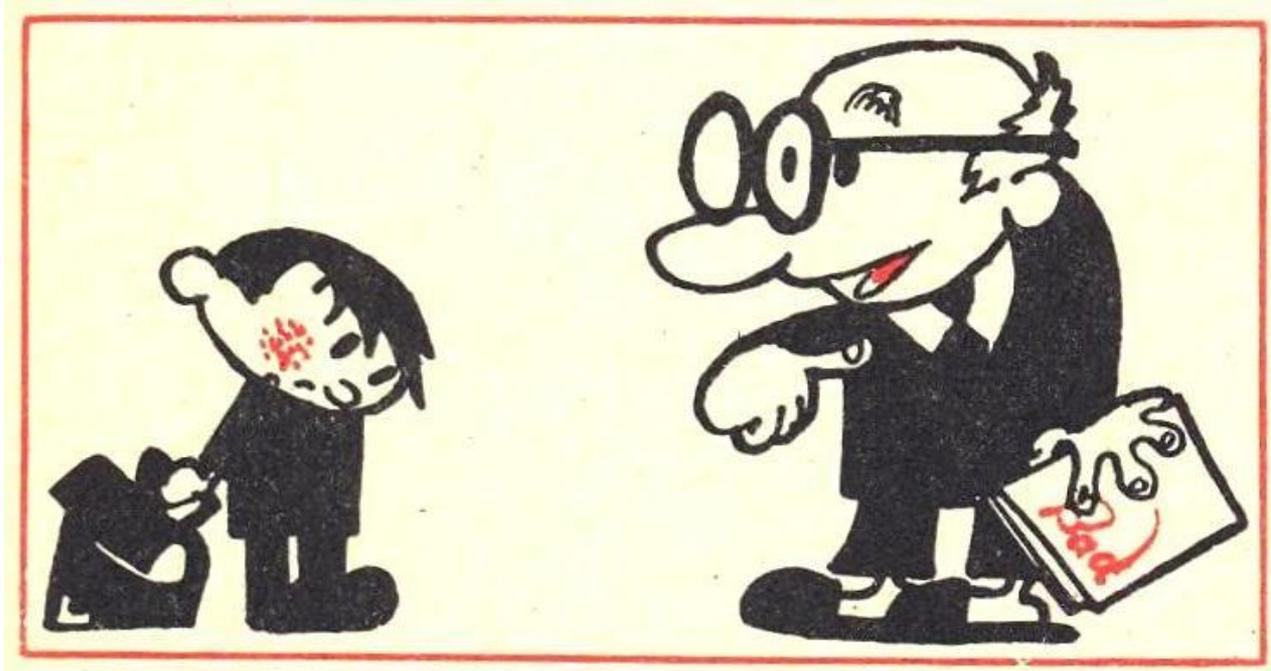
Mr. Smith sat down



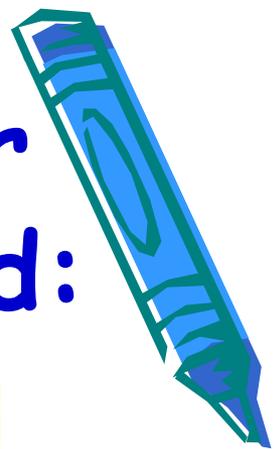
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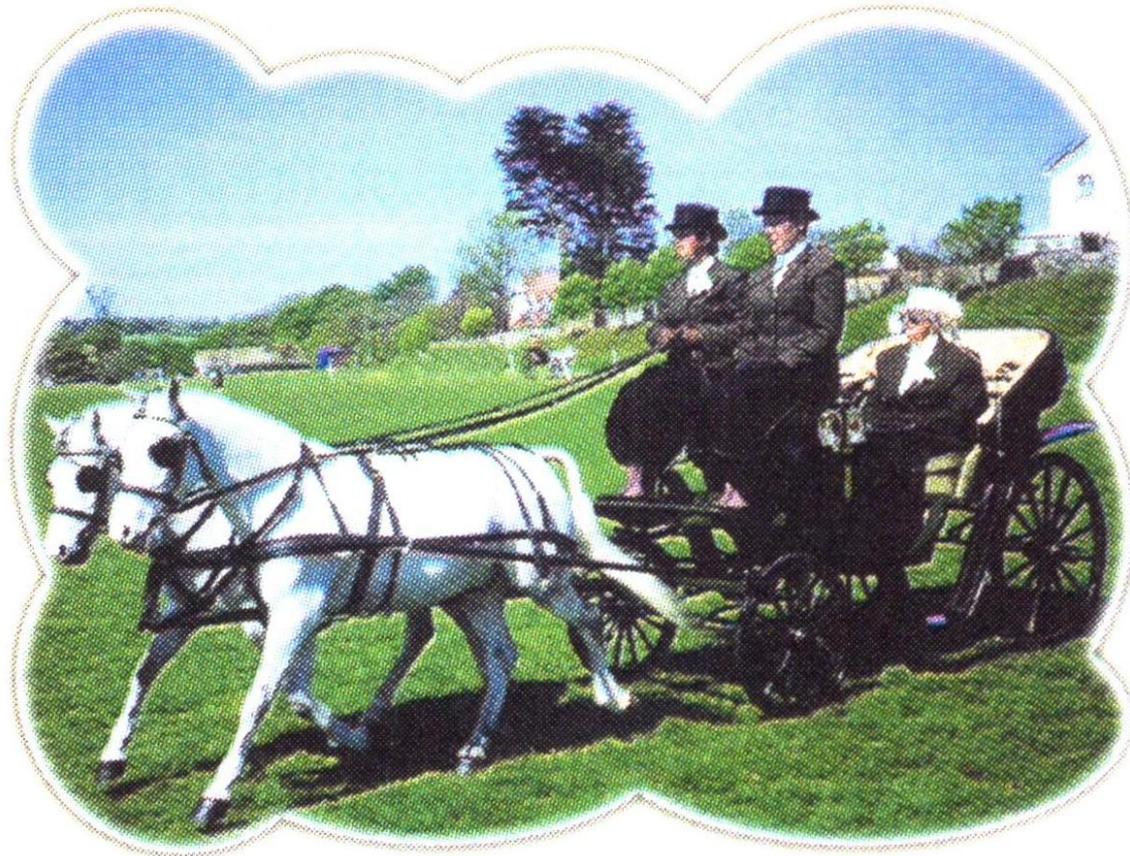
3) to express past habits or states which are now finished:



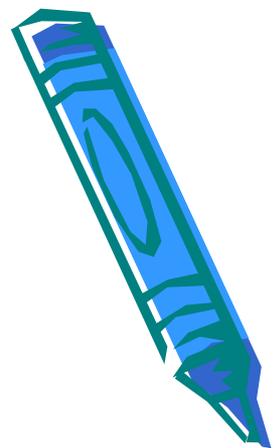
"I always got good marks when I went to school".



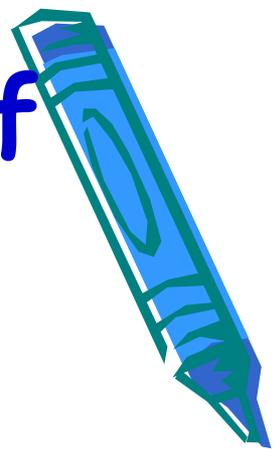
past habits



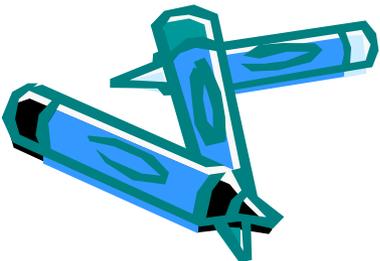
People travelled/used to
travel by carriage in those
days.



4) to talk about the lives of people who are no longer alive:



Marilyn Monroe starred in a number of successful films.



The Past Simple is used with the following time expressions:

- *yesterday*
- *last night/month/year etc.*
- *two days/weeks/months ago;*
- *then, when;*
- *How long ago ...?*
- *in 1992/1875, etc.*

