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Then · Now · Next

time words

A time word tells you **when**. It also tells you the verb: **was** for then, **is** for now, **will be** for next. Keep this card next to you.

★ the time words · ★★ tell it in three parts · ★★★ ago

★ Then, now, next

Three times. Tap a word to hear it. The verb is under each time.

THEN

was / were

ten years ago 🗣️

last year 🗣️

in 2015 🗣️

yesterday 🗣️

back then 🗣️

NOW

am / is / are

now 🗣️

today 🗣️

these days 🗣️

right now 🗣️

this year 🗣️

NEXT

will be

next year 🗣️

tomorrow 🗣️

soon 🗣️

someday 🗣️

in the future 🗣️

★★ Tell it in three parts

Tell it in three parts. A time word starts each sentence.

1. **BACK THEN**, my hobby was soccer. 🗣️
2. **THESE DAYS**, my hobby is chess. 🗣️
3. **IN THE FUTURE**, my hobby will be gardening. 🗣️

Put the time word first. Then a comma. It tells the listener: the time is changing.

★★★ Ago

Ago is a little different.

two years **AGO** 🗣️

five days **AGO** 🗣️

a long time **AGO** 🗣️

The number comes first. Ago is last. Never say ago two years.

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