

Past Tense of Send: Sent

Send is an irregular verb. The past simple and the past participle are the same form: sent. Use sent for a finished action, and after have or has.

Base	send
Past	sent
Past participle	sent
3rd person / -ing	sends / sending

Examples

I send a message to my mother every day. — A daily habit in the present uses send.

Please send me your phone number. — After please, use the base form send.

She sent me a photo last night. — Last night is finished, so use sent.

We sent the letter on Monday. — Sent is the past simple; it does not need have.

Tom has sent the email already. — Has sent is present perfect.

I have sent you the link. — After have, the participle is also sent.

Notes

Send a message, send someone something You can say send a message to Ana or send Ana a message. Both mean the same. The forms stay the same too: sent a message to Ana, sent Ana a message.

Same form twice Send follows the pattern buy, bought, bought: the past and the participle are the same. Remember one new word, sent, and you can use it in both places.

Common mistakes

I sended the email yesterday. → I sent the email yesterday. — Send is irregular. The past is sent, not sended.

She has send me a message. → She has sent me a message. — After has or have, use the past participle sent, not the base form.

He send a text every morning. → He sends a text every morning. — In the present, he, she and it need -s: sends.

Exercises

Choose the right form

1. I ___ my teacher an email yesterday. (send / sent / sended)
2. They have ___ the box to Spain. (send / sended / sent)
3. We ___ photos to our family every Sunday. (send / sent / sends)
4. My brother ___ me a message an hour ago. (sends / sent / sended)

Write the missing form

1. She has ___ the letter.
2. Last week, I ___ a card to my friend.
3. The school ___ a report home every month.

Correct the mistake

1. He sended a message to Anna.

Answer key

Choose the right form

1. sent — Yesterday is a finished past time, so use sent.
2. sent — Have takes the past participle sent.
3. send — Every Sunday is a present habit, and we takes send.
4. sent — An hour ago is past, so use sent.

Write the missing form

1. sent — Has plus the past participle is has sent.
2. sent — Last week takes the past simple sent.
3. sends — A habit in the present with the school (it) needs sends.

Correct the mistake

1. sent — The past of send is sent, not sended.