

Past ★★

1 **Past** (preposition) = “moving by”

2 **Passed** (verb, past tense of *pass*) = “went past”
(*past* and *passed* are pronounced the same)



She walked past the baker's on her way to school.

She passed the baker's on her way to school.

It's half past three
First past the post wins!

I passed the test!
We passed your house on our way

3 **The past** (noun) = “before the present time”



Are you dreaming about the past, grandpa?"

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"To understand the past is to understand the present"

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Quick check

Fill the blanks with ***past, passed or the past***:

- 1 You can't live in _____ all the time.
- 2 If you're going _____ the shops, could you get some Parmesan?
- 3 She _____ three houses, and stopped at the fourth.
- 4 Driving down the Loire Valley, we _____ some incredible chateaux.
- 5 But instead of driving _____ Amboise, we decided to stop.

