

الماضي

The past haunts everyone. Except the past in Arabic! Conjugating past tense verbs is very easy **BECAUSE THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Isn't Arabic beautiful? Ain't life grand?

Here is a simple chart. Note that all past tense conjugations only attach to the **end** of the word (never at the beginning):

	Plural		Single	
<u>نا</u> (na) كُتِبْنَا we wrote	نَحْنُ	<u>تْ</u> (tu) كُتِبْتُ I wrote	أَنَا	1st Person (me/I/us/we)
<u>تُمْ</u> (toom) كُتِبْتُمْ ya'll wrote	أَنْتُمْ	<u>تَ</u> (ta) كُتِبْتَ you wrote	أَنْتَ	2nd Person (m.) (you)
		<u>تِ</u> (ti) كُتِبْتِ you wrote	أَنْتِ	2nd Person (f.) (you)
<u>وا</u>	هُمْ	<u>ـَ</u>	هُوَ	3rd Person (m.)

(oo) كَتَبُوا they wrote		(a) كَتَبَ he wrote		(he/him/they)
		تَ _____ (at) كَتَبَتْ she wrote	هِيَ	3rd Person (f.) (she/her)

Here's a more complex chart including the dual and plural feminine endings:

	Plural		Dual		Single	
كَتَبْنَا we wrote	نحن			كَتَبْتُ I wrote	أنا	1st Person
كَتَبْتُمْ ya'll wrote	أنتم	كَتَبْتُمَا	أنتما	كَتَبْتَ you wrote	أنتَ	2nd Person (m.)
كَتَبْتُنَّ	أنتن	كَتَبْتُمَا	أنتما	كَتَبْتِ you wrote	أنتِ	2nd Person (f.)
كَتَبُوا they wrote	هم	كَتَبَا	هما	كَتَبَ he wrote	هو	3rd Person (m.)

كتبت	هن	كتبتا	هما	كتبت she wrote	هي	3rd Person (f).
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Practice!

Practice vocabulary and the past tense through translation:

1. تذكرتُ المذاكرة ولكن كان الوقت متأخر.
2. لعبتُ كرة القدم كثيرا.
3. التحقوا بالجيش بسبب الحرب.
4. استمعتُ إلى موسيقى ليلة أمس، أليس كذلك؟
5. أراد المساعدة في الصف لأنه ما فعل المذاكرة.
6. تكلمتُ مع المدير قبل اسبوع.
7. درسنا اللغة اليابانية وحفظنا كل الكلمات.
8. تخرجنا من الجامعة قبل سنين.
9. أرادتُ أن تأكل اللحم ولكنها نباتية.

1. I lived in Texas 9 years ago.
2. We drank a lot and now we are sad.
3. They ate bread and drank juice last night.
5. You (guy) felt lonely yesterday because of the weather.
6. All ya'll didn't watch basketball last night.
7. She entered the room but she did not enter the Army.
8. He wrote a letter to his mom.

KEY

1. تذكرتُ المذاكرة ولكن كان الوقت متأخر.

I remembered the homework but it was too late.

2. لعبتُ كرة القدم كثيرا.

She played soccer a lot.

3. التحقوا بالجيش بسبب الحرب.

They joined the army because of the war.

4. استمعتُ إلى موسيقى ليلة أمس، أليس كذلك؟

You (guy) listened to music last night, isn't that so ?

5. أراد المساعدة في الصف لأنه ما فعل المذاكرة.

He wanted help in class because he didn't do the homework.

6. تكلمت مع المدير قبل اسبوع.

You (female) spoke with the director a week ago.

7. درسنا اللغة اليابانية وحفظنا كل الكلمات.

We studied Japanese and we memorized all the words.

8. تخرجنا من الجامعة قبل سنتين.

We graduated from college two years ago.

1. I lived in Texas 9 years ago.

سكنت في تكساس قبل تسع سنوات. عشت في تكساس قبل تسع سنوات.

2. We drank a lot and now we are sad.

شربنا كثيرا والآن نحن حزينون.

3. They ate bread and drank juice last night.

أكلوا خبز وشربوا عصير ليلة امس.

4. You (girl) refused to enter the room.

رفضت أن تدخلين الغرفة.

5. You (guy) felt lonely yesterday because of the weather.

شعرتَ بالوحدة أمس بسبب الجو / الطقس.

.6 All ya'll didn't watch soccer last night

ما شاهدتم كرة القدم ليلة أمس.

.7 She entered the room but she did not enter the Army

دخلت الغرفة ولكن ما التحقت بالجيش.

.8 He wrote a letter to his mom

كتب رسالة إلى أمه.