German

Describing a past holiday (Part 1/3)

- common holiday destinations
- imperfect tense of sein
- perfect tense of regular verbs

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Describing a past holiday (Part 1/3)

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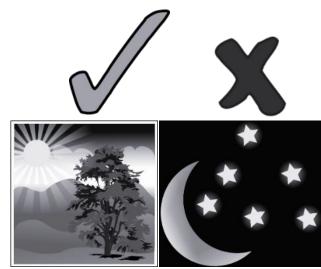
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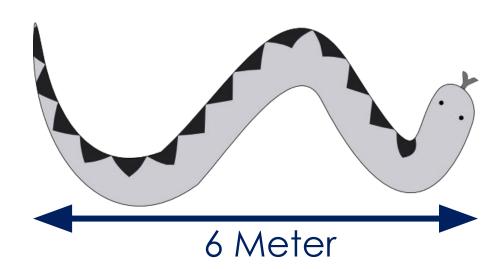


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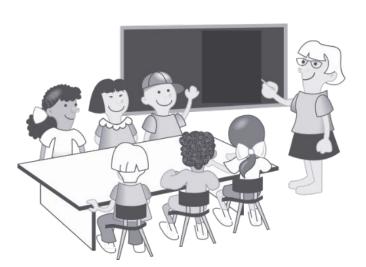




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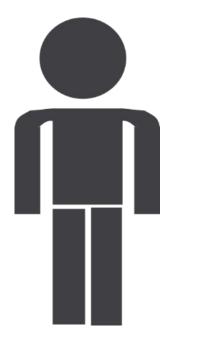
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Gast [guest]

Mann



danke





Schottland/Wales	Scotland/Wales	
(Nord) Irland	(Northern) Ireland	
Frankreich	France	
Spanien	Spain	
Amerika	America	
Indien	India	
Australien	Australia	
die Schweiz	Switzerland	
die Türkei	Turkey	
zu Hause	at home	





sein = to be. Although there is a perfect tense of this verb, the imperfect/simple past tense is much more common when using this verb in the past

ich	war	l was
du	warst	you were
er/sie/es/man	war	he/she/it/one was
wir	waren	we were
ihr	wart	you were
sie	waren	they were
Sie	waren	you were

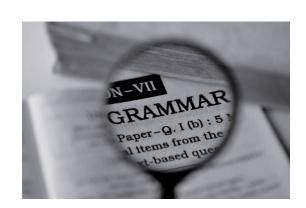
z.B. Wo warst du im Urlaub? Where were you on holiday?



Note how you might answer the question: Wo warst du im Urlaub?

1. Ich war in Amerika





- 1. With masculine countries the answer is straightforward, as no article is required
- 2. With feminine countries an article is needed. The preposition "in" will be followed by the dative, so die changes to der



For most verbs, it is best to use the perfect tense when putting them into the past tense

Remember, the perfect tense has two parts; the auxiliary verb(haben or sein) plus the past participle, which goes to the end of the clause

To form the past participle of a regular verb, you take the infinitive, take off the -en and add ge to the front and t to the end

machen(to do) mach mach

spielen (to play) spiel gespielt



Then don't forget the auxiliary verb, which will be haben or sein. In our lesson today, we are focussing on haben

ich	habe	I have
du	hast	you have
er/sie/es/man	hat	he/she/it/one has
wir	haben	we have
ihr	habt	you have
sie	haben	they have
Sie	haben	you have

z.B. wir haben Besichtigungen gemacht= we went sightseeing (we have done visits)



Füll die Lücken aus!

1. Last summer we were in Switzerland

Letzten Sommer waren wir in der Schweiz

2. Why didn't you do a city tour?

Warum **hast** du keine Stadtrundfahrt ge **macht** ?

3. My brother and I played football on the beach

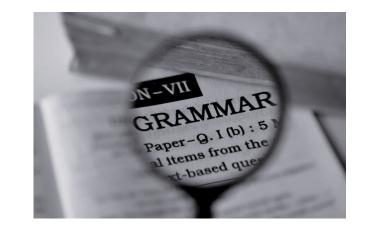
Mein Bruder und ich haben am Strand Fußball ge**spielt**

4. I bought a pair of sunglasses in the town

Ich habe in der Stadtmitte eine Sonnenbrille ge kauft

5. It was fun (it has made fun)

es hat Spaß gemacht





Summary of learning

In German, the imperfect tense is normally used with the verb sein when you need the past tense of this verb

Eg I was on holiday in America = ich war im Urlaub in Amerika

With most other verbs, the perfect tense is normally used, particularly in speech. The perfect tense is formed of 2 parts, the auxiliary verb (haben or sein) plus the past participle.In German, past participles of weak verbs are usually formed by taking the _en from the infinitive. You then add a _ge_to the beginning and a _t_to the end.

Eg kaufen - gekauft

Eg I have bought/I bought postcards = ich habe Postkarten gekauft

