Past Tense (Narrative Past Tense)

Regular Verbs

The past tense is frequently used in narratives and stories. The past tense of regular verbs has the following endings added to the stem of the verb:

Sie suchte es im Computer.

ich	sag-te
du	sag-test
er	
sie	} sag-te
es	
wir	sag-ten
ihr	sag-tet
sie	sag-ten
Sie	sag-ten

Meine Lehrerin wohnte ein Jahr in Deutschland.

My teacher lived in Germany for one year.

When the stem of the verb ends in *-t* or *-d*, an *-e-* is inserted between the stem and the ending.

Die Karte kostete nur ein paar Euro.

The ticket cost just a few euro.

The following is a list of the most important regular verbs that you have already learned:

basteln to do (handi)crafts
bedienen to wait on
sich **beeilen** to hurry
begrüßen to greet
besichtigen to visit, view
besuchen to visit
bezahlen to pay
brauchen to need
dauern to take, last
decken to cover (set table)
fotografieren to take pictures
sich **freuen auf** to look forward to
glauben to believe
holen to get, fetch
hören to hear, listen to
sich **interessieren für** to be interested in
interviewen to interview
jubeln to cheer
kaufen to buy
klingeln to ring (bell)
lächeln to smile
landen to land
lernen to learn

machen to do
mähen to mow
meinen to mean
packen to pack
parken to park
passen to fit
passieren to happen
planen to plan
regnen to rain
reisen to travel
sagen to say
sammeln to collect
schenken to give a present
schicken to send
schmecken to taste
schneien to snow
spielen to play
spülen to wash, rinse
tanzen to dance
üben to practice
wandern to hike
warten to wait
wohnen to live
wünschen to wish
zeigen to show, demonstrate