



## Past Tense Teaching Ideas

**Context:** This is a KS3 lesson introducing the past tense and time expressions such as 'firstly', 'next', 'then' and 'finally'. It can be taught just from the PowerPoint or using the accompanying resources in the pack if available.

### Starter

Where am I now?

Students have a list of options describing their current knowledge of the past tense in French. Ask them to copy out and complete the sentence in their exercise books that best applies to them.

### Main Activities

Lisez les phrases.

Ask pupils to read through the list of words in pairs several times and try to memorise them. Then, on Slide 5, ask them to complete the match-up exercise individually, just writing numbers and letters. They can then mark their work using the answers on Slide 6.

Lisez les phrases:

Ask pupils to work in pairs to translate the sentences. Then, on Slide 8, ask pupils to answer the key questions in pairs; this would be a good time to really reinforce these key points. There is an example sentence in the past tense for students. Next, pupils copy the words on Slide 9, with an anagram extension task for early finishers.

Améliorez le paragraphe:

Ask students to work through the tasks on this Slide. All the key words have either been copied down or are displayed on the slide. Ask students to mark Task A from the answers on Slide 11. You could also use the [Past Tense Word Mat](#) or [Past Tense Activity Sheet](#) at this point.

### Plenary

As in the starter, ask students to write a full sentence in their books from the options on the board. You could ask them where they were at the start, and where they are now. Also, you could do a quick game of Quickdraw on the board if you have time – you could do this as a whole class or in teams. Ask a volunteer to draw one of the phrases from today's lesson. Students put their hands up to answer. Whoever gives the correct answer in French gets a point for their team and has a turn to draw.