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Passed vs. Past

Passed and *past* are often confused and misused. Here's what you need to know to use them correctly:

PASSED is always a verb.

- **Passed** is the past tense of the verb *pass*.
- I passed Shelley on my way to school.*
At my birthday party on Saturday, my mom passed around pictures of me as a baby.

PAST is never a verb.

- **Past** locates something in time and space.
- In the past, students wrote with quills dipped in ink.*
We are not allowed to go past the fence during recess.

Directions: Write the correct word—*passed* or *past*—in each blank below.

- It's half _____ one.
- "How much candy have you eaten this _____ week?" my dentist asked.
- I ran _____ my friend Michelle while on my morning jog.
- My grandmother _____ many afternoons reading on her porch.
- In the _____, my family spent the holidays at my uncle's house in the country; this year we are staying home.
- "Do you think you _____ yesterday's vocabulary test?" asked Tim.
- Jessa _____ the ball to me and I sank the shot!
- Our principal urged us to help make texting while walking become a thing of the _____.
- I walked _____ the Freemans' house on my way home.

Directions: Write one sentence using *passed* and one sentence using *past*.

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