

## *Mr. Hundhausen's Magic Past Tense Chart*

**70% PAST SIMPLE – default tense**  
(klasika / standardní nastavení)

**“Yesterday Bob ate 4 chocolate-covered cockroaches. Yum.”**

Use PAST SIMPLE unless you have a special situation:

### *3 special situations*

- I) 20% PŘEDPŘÍTOMNÝ ČAS**  
(present perfect) for things connected to the present (e.g. they started in the past and are still happening, or the event happened in the day/week/month that we are still in.)  
Can also be předpřítomný průběhový

**“I have eaten 18 chocolate-covered cockroaches so far this month.”**

- II) 5% PŘEDMINULÝ ČAS** (past perfect) together with PAST SIMPLE to say which past event

**happened first. Can also be  
předminulý průběhový.**

**Tedy bojovali proti Madianským, jakož byl  
přikázal Hospodin Mojžíšovi.**

**“Bob threw up because he had eaten 4  
chocolate-covered cockroaches.”**

**III) 5% PAST CONTINUOUS for the  
background (zákulisí) to an event in  
the PAST SIMPLE.**

**“While Bob was throwing up, his mum  
called.”**

**After Karel had bought a lot of textbooks, he drank a lot of coffee.**

**While the runners were waiting for 30 minutes, they did stretching exercises.**

**After the judges had finished counting down, the runners started.**

**While they were running, one of them fell down and broke his leg. The others got to the finish line healthy.**