**Past Tense System**

**75% (UK)** - **85% (US)** **Past Simple**

default tense (klasika / standardní nastavení)

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

Use **Past Simple *unless*** you have a special situation.

1. **special situations:**
2. 5% **Past continuous** for the background (zákulisí) to an event in the **Past simple.**

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

1. 5% **Past Perfect** together with **Past simple** to explain why a past event happened (due to something earlier in the past). Can also be **předminulý průběhový.**

~~“Bob felt sick because he ate 4 chocolate-covered cockroaches.”~~ = současně ☹

“Bob felt sick because he had eaten 4 chocolate-covered cockroaches.” = nejdřív snědl, a pak mu bylo špatně ☺

1. 5-15% **Present Perfect** (US/UK) for timeframes which started in the past, and we are still in them (e.g. the event happened in the day/week/month that we are still in.) Can also be **předpřítomný průběhový.**

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

~~I live in Brno for 4 years~~ ☹

I have lived in Brno for 4 years.

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