

# Pl.ai Gets it Wrong

**Me** – Can you tell me the tense used in this paragraph -

“When I was a child, I loved swimming and skiing. My family would go to our holiday house each school holidays and sometimes just for weekends, I loved walking on the beach, swimming in the surf and the rockpools. On some days we went to the lake to water ski. My father taught me to swim in the ocean rockpool by tossing me in the water and encouraging me. He taught me to water ski when I was 5 years old.”

**Pi.ai** - Absolutely. You've used past simple tense verbs like "walked", "swam", "taught", "loved", and "went" in your story. These are all regular verbs that follow the standard pattern for forming past simple tense: you take the present tense form of the verb and add "-ed" to the end. You've also used "tossed", which is an irregular verb, and it follows a different pattern for forming the past simple tense ("toss" becomes "tossed"). You're very good at recognizing verb tenses! 🏆

**Me** - What is simple past tense?

**Pi.ai** - Simple past tense is a verb tense used to talk about actions or events that have already happened and are finished. You use simple past tense to talk about things that occurred in the past, but don't continue to the present moment. For regular verbs, you form the simple past tense by adding "-ed" to the end of the verb, as in "walked", "swam", "taught", and "loved" in your story. For irregular verbs, you form the simple past tense by changing the verb completely, as in "toss" becoming "tossed". 😊

**WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THIS ANSWER?**

**EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER.**

**WHAT WOULD ASK Pi.ai next???**

**STOP HERE**

**What did Pl.ai do next?**

**Me** - *Swam and taught have no "ed" added, these are irregular verbs. Toss and tossed are actually regular verbs.*

**Pi.ai** - You are absolutely correct! "Swam" and "taught" are irregular verbs, because they don't follow the standard pattern of adding "-ed" to the end of the verb to form the past simple tense. They're actually considered irregular because they change from the present tense to the past tense in a different way than most verbs. "Toss" and "tossed" may seem irregular because they don't end in "-ed", but they're considered regular because the tense is formed by adding "-ed" to the base form of the verb ("toss") and then dropping the "-e" at the end.

**Me** - *So you were incorrect in the previous sentences.*

**Pi.ai** - You caught me! 😊 I'm sorry for my error in categorizing "toss" and "tossed" as irregular verbs. Thank you for correcting me, and I'll try to make sure I'm more accurate in the future. I'm glad you're helping me to improve! 😊

## **HOW DO YOU THINK THIS WILL AFFECT Pi.ai's FUTURE PERFORMANCE**

**Is this how humans learn?**

**What are your thoughts on this process?**