

BEGINNER2. LESSON #2. COURS D'HISTOIRE2

- J'espère que vous avez travaillé ce week-end ?
- Moi j'ai regardé la télévision.
- Ah bon ?
- Mais j'ai regardé un documentaire sur la seconde guerre mondiale.
- Que sais-tu sur cette guerre ?
- Elle a commencé en 1939 et elle a terminé en 1945.
- Quoi d'autre ?
- Je ne sais pas. Après j'ai regardé le match de foot.
- Alors à mon tour de parler de cette guerre.

TRANSLATION

- I hope you worked this week-end ?
- I watched TV.
- Did you ?
- But I watched a documentary about World war II.
- What do you know about this war ?
- It started in 1939 and ended in 1945.
- What else ?
- I don't know. After that, I watched the football match.
- So it's my turn to talk about this war.



1939 and 1945 are too big numbers for you to remember now.



Télévision (fém.) : television.
Documentaire (masc.) : documentary.
Guerre mondiale (fém.) : World War.
Tour (masc.) : turn.



Again *passé composé* in this second lesson.
But only –er verbs and only verbs that conjugate with *avoir*.
That's quite simple with these verbs : we put *avoir* in the present tense then we put the past participle.

Subject + avoir in the present tense + past participle.

Past participles of –er verb always end with –é :
Travaillé, regardé, commencé, terminé.

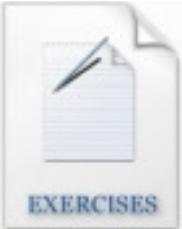
Here is an example of *passé composé*'s conjugation with the verb *travailler* :

J'ai travaillé
Tu as travaillé
Il a travaillé
Nous avons travaillé
Vous avez travaillé
Ils ont travaillé

There are a few exceptions but most of the time, past participle never changes form when it follows the verb *avoir*. We had an exception in the lesson 1 (*il m'a ramenée*) but we'll explain it later. You don't need to learn that right now, it's really too early to speak about it.



World War I and World War II are a big part of both middle school and high school history programs.



EXERCISES

Translate in French :

1. I watched TV, yesterday.
2. What else ?
3. I also worked a little.

Translate in English :

1. J'espère que vous avez mangé.
2. Parlez-moi de votre mère.
3. Vous avez regardé la télévision, hier ?

Un peu : a little.

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