

## Future in the Past

Sometimes, we talk about a past event and want to refer to something that happened in a future compared to that particular point in the past. In other words, when we want to express a future time seen from the past, we use the past of the regular future forms. But, how do we do this? You'll master it in a second:

### 1. Simple Future in the Past (Would + Base Verb)

This is the most basic form. We use it to talk about a future action from a past perspective. For example:

*I told him I would help. (NOT: I told him I ~~will~~ help.)*

### 2. Was/Were Going To

This is another common way to express future in the past. We use it when talking about plans or intentions in the past. For example:

*She told me she was going to move next week. (NOT: She told me she ~~is~~ going to move next week.)*