**Past Tenses**

We use the past tenses when we talk about events in the past.

**1. We use the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for actions or events that happened on after the other.**

In 1512 Luther **finished** his studies, **received** a doctorate and **became** a professor at the University of Wittenberg.

**2. We use the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to describe a background action or event, and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to describe an action or event that interrupted it.**

Luther **was travelling** back to school when he **got** into a terrible thunderstorm.

**3. We use the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to talk about an event that happened before another event in the past expressed by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

Pope Leo X **excommunicated** Luther from the Roman Catholic Church after he **had refused** to withdraw his theory.