

LESSON OBJECTIVES

To learn to conjugate the verb aller (to go) in the past tense or passé composé.

INTRODUCTION

Aller (to go) is a 3rd group verb, it is highly irregular.

The past participle of aller is allé.

It conjugates with the auxiliary être (to be).

The passé composé is used to describe an action which happened in the past and is over. It is

formed of the auxiliary avoir (to have) or être (to be) in the present tense + past participle of

the conjugated verb.

When a verb is conjugated with the auxiliary être (to be), the past participle agrees in number

and gender with the subject. Therefore, the ending of the past participle will be as follows:

-e (feminine singular)

es (feminine plural)

s (masculine/mixed masculine+feminine plural).

In the list below, the feminine form has been added between brackets.

ÊTRE

PASSÉ COMPOSÉ

je suis allé(e) - I went

tu es allé(e) - you went (informal)

il est allé - he went

elle est allée - she went

on est allé - one went

nous sommes allé(e)s - we went

vous êtes allé(e)s - you went

ils sont allés - they went (masculine plural or mixed
masculine+feminine)

elles sont allées - they went (feminine plural)

EXAMPLES

Je suis allé(e) au supermarché avec ma mère et mon frère hier.

I went to the supermarket with my mother and my brother yesterday.

Elle est allée à la piscine avec sa sœur dimanche matin.

She went to the swimming pool with her sister Sunday morning.