

Using the past tense of Gwil, Gallos and Mydnas with pronouns;

It can be very useful to use the past tenses of these verbs with the pronouns

Me – I

Te - You

Ev - He

Hy - She

Ny - We

Why - You

Y – They

When used with these pronouns only the third person singular of the tense is required e.g. me a yll – I can

Although at some point it is necessary to learn all the verb tenses for this use only third person singular is required.

With most verbs there is a “preterite (past complete)” and “impersonal (past continuous) verbal paradigm.

Gwil

Imperfect – Gwre

Preterite – Gwrug

When using the pronouns above the format is Me a, Te a etc.

Remember the “a” causes a mutation removing the letter “g”

Therefore we say;

Me a wre deskly in scol seythen dewetha – I did learn in school last week

Me a wrug redya an paper newodhow de – I read the newspaper yesterday

Gallos

Imperfect – gylly

Preterite – There is no attested preterite for Gallos in Kernowek Standard

Therefore we say;

Me a ylly marhogeth dewros kens – I could ride a bike before

Mednas (Mydnas)

Imperfect – mydna

Preterite – mydnas

Therefore we say;

Me a vydna gwary pel droos bledhen dewedha oll – I wished to play football all last year

Me a vydna mos war'n kytryn de – I wished to go on the bus yesterday.

You will note that the fourth “helper” verb “Bos” has not been included here as this will be studied separately