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# LEARNING ABOUT VERB TENSES

## SIMPLE PRESENT, PAST, AND FUTURE TENSES



This unit will help you to understand the simple *present*, *past*, and *future* tenses of a verb. You will be able to write sentences using the correct tense, and to identify the correct tense of a verb.

present tense: The verb shows action that happens regularly.  
example: Brandon plays football with Lee.

past tense: The verb shows action that happened.  
example: I wrote a story about animals.

future tense: The verb shows action that will happen.  
example: Lisa will read to us.

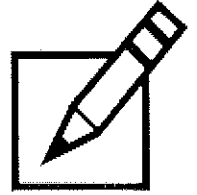
Read each of the following sentences and write present, past or future on the line.

1. Betsy saw a black snake. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Gwen will go to school. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Mike eats ice cream. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Cindy will play basketball. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Ashley feeds her three cats. \_\_\_\_\_

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### PRACTICE 1

Read each of the following sentences. Circle the correct tense of the underlined verb.

1. Sheryl played with her dog.

present                  past                  future

2. Harry will go with Bob to the movies.

present                  past                  future

3. Leslie sings in the choir.

present                  past                  future

4. Anne writes stories for her friends.

present                  past                  future

5. Tom sold his baseball cards.

present                  past                  future

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### PRACTICE 2

Choose the correct verb to match the tense in the (parentheses)

1. Marion \_\_\_\_\_ at Jacob to stop running. (past tense)

- a. yelled                      b. yells                      c. will yell

2. Cathy \_\_\_\_\_ cookies every week. (present tense)

- a. baked                      b. bakes                      c. will bake

3. Charles \_\_\_\_\_ the ball to Claudia. (future tense)

- a. threw                      b. throws                      c. will throw

4. Glenn \_\_\_\_\_ a picture of a dog (past tense)

- a. painted                      b. paints                      c. will paint

5. Mark \_\_\_\_\_ the baby to the car. (future tense)

- a. carried                      b. carries                      c. will carry