

Change the Tense

To use past and present tenses correctly in my writing.



1. Complete the table with the missing verbs.

Simple Past Tense	Simple Present Tense (for I, you, we or they)
played	play
talked	
	swim
saw	
drank	

2. Change these sentences so that they are written in the simple past tense.
The first one has been done for you.

- John watches the football on TV.
John **watched** football on TV.
- He walks to school.
He _____ to school.
- Layla paddles in the sea.
Layla _____ in the sea.
- Uri cooks for all the family.
Uri _____ for all the family.

Change the Tense **Answers**

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Simple Past Tense	Simple Present Tense (for I, you, we or they)
played	play
talked	<i>talk</i>
<i>swam</i>	swim
saw	<i>see</i>
drank	<i>drink</i>

2. b. He ***walked*** to school.

c. Layla ***paddled*** in the sea.

d. Uri ***cooked*** for all the family.

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drank	
	try
chased	
knew	

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a. John watches the football on TV.

John **watched** football on TV.

b. He jogs to school.

He _____ to school.

c. Layla paddles in the sea.

Layla _____ in the sea.

d. I sing loudly in assembly.

I _____ loudly in assembly.

3. Change these sentences so that they are written in the simple present tense. The first one has been done for you.

a. Anna finished her dinner slowly.

Anna **finishes** her dinner slowly.

b. I tidied my bedroom.

I _____ my bedroom.

c. She hugged her little brother.

She _____ her little brother.

d. Hari wrote to his grandparents.

Hari _____ to his grandparents.

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chased	chase
knew	know

2. b. He **jogged** to school.
c. Layla **paddled** in the sea.
d. I **sang** loudly in assembly.
3. b. I **tidy** my bedroom.
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cancelled	
	hear

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The first one has been done for you.

a. John watches the football on TV.
John **watched** football on TV.

b. He sits quietly on the chair.

He _____ quietly on the chair.

c. She smiles warmly at her classmates.

She _____ warmly at her classmates.

d. Sofia throws the javelin with great skill.

Sofia _____ the javelin with great skill.

3. Change these sentences so that they are written in the simple present tense. The first one has been done for you.

a. Anna finished her dinner slowly.

Anna **finishes** her dinner slowly.

b. Oliver carried the heaviest bags.

Oliver _____ the heaviest bags.

c. She swapped her stickers for conkers.

She _____ her stickers for conkers.

d. The family travelled to Scotland for winter.

The family _____ to Scotland for winter.

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cancelled	cancel
heard	hear

2. b. He **sat** quietly on the chair.
c. She **smiled** warmly at her classmates.
d. Sofia **threw** the javelin with great skill.
3. b. Oliver **carries** the heaviest bags.
c. She **swaps** her stickers for conkers.
d. The family **travels** to Scotland for winter.

Rewrite the Sentences

To use past and present tenses correctly in my writing.



1. The three sentences below are written in the past tense. Can you rewrite them so they are in the simple present tense?

a. Rufus baked lots of cakes.

b. Grandma won every chess game.

c. The dog wagged his tail.

2. The next three sentences below are written in the present tense. Can you rewrite them so that they are in the simple past tense?

a. The cat is very hungry.

b. I enjoy reading the book.

c. It rains heavily in the rainforest.

Rewrite the Sentences **Answers**

1.
 - a. *Rufus bakes lots of cakes.*
 - b. *Grandma wins every chess game.*
 - c. *The dog wags his tail.*

2.
 - a. *The cat was very hungry.*
 - b. *I enjoyed reading the book*
 - c. *It rained heavily in the rainforest.*

Past or Present Tense Sorting Activity

To use past and present tenses correctly in my writing.



Read the sentences on the cards with your partner. Are they written in the past tense or in the present tense? Place them on the correct part of the sorting grid below.

Past Tense	Present Tense

Past or Present Tense Sorting Activity

I watch cartoons every evening after school.	I watched a great film at the cinema yesterday.	I help my brother with his homework.	Last week, I helped my sister to write her name.	I play tennis on Saturday mornings.
I played in a football match on a full-size pitch on Friday afternoon.	I work hard at school.	I worked hard to complete all the sums yesterday.	I paint pictures most weekends.	I painted a lovely picture of a horse on Sunday.

Spot the Mistake

To use past and present tenses correctly in my writing.



1. These sentences should be written in the past tense. Underline any verbs that are incorrect.

Harrison walked quickly to the dining area.

He is very hungry. was

He wants his dinner. _____

He washes his hands. _____

He joins the queue. _____

He picks up a tray. _____

He looks around the dining hall. _____

Now, write the verbs in the simple past tense. The first one has been done for you.

2. These sentences should be written in the present tense. Underline any verbs that are incorrect.

Mandeep likes to help the younger children in school.

She stayed in and helped the Reception class. stays helps

She gave them each an apron. _____

She put paint in the paint pots for them. _____

They painted together. _____

She talked to them. _____

Now, write the verbs in the simple present tense. The first one has been done for you.

Spot the Mistake Answers

1. Harrison walked quickly to the dining area.

He is very hungry. *was*

He wants his dinner. *wanted*

He washes his hands. *washed*

He joins the queue. *joined*

He picks up a tray. *picked*

He looks around the dining hall. *looked*

2. Mandeep likes to help the younger children in school.

She stayed in and helped the Reception class. *stays* *helps*

She gave them each an apron. *gives*

She put paint in the paint pots for them. *puts*

They painted together. *paint*

She talked to them. *talks*

Spot the Mistake

To use past and present tenses correctly in my writing.



1. These sentences should be written in the past tense. Underline any verbs that are incorrect.

Harrison walked quickly to the dining area. He is very hungry and wants his dinner. He washes his hands and dries them with a paper towel. Next, he joined the queue and picks up a tray. He looks around the dining hall.

Now, write the verbs in the simple past tense. The first one has been done for you.

was

2. These sentences should be written in the present tense. Underline any verbs that are incorrect.

Mandeep likes to help the younger children in school. She stayed in and helped the Reception class. She gave them each an apron. She passes them some paper. She put paint in the paint pots for them. She always smiled at them and made them laugh.

Now, write the verbs in the simple past tense. The first one has been done for you.

stays

Spot the Mistake **Answers**

1. Harrison walked quickly to the dining area. He is very hungry and wants his dinner. He washes his hands and dries them with a paper towel. Next, he joined the queue and picks up a tray. He looks around the dining hall.

was, *wanted*, *washed*, *dried*, *picked*, *looked*

2. Mandeep likes to help the younger children in school. She stayed in and helped the Reception class. She gave them each an apron. She passes them some paper. She put paint in the paint pots for them. She always smiled at them and made them laugh.

stays, *helps*, *gives*, *puts*, *smiles*, *makes*

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To use past and present tenses correctly in my writing.



1. These sentences should be written in the past tense. Underline any verbs that are incorrect.

Harrison walked quickly to the dining area. He is very hungry and wants his dinner. He washes his hands and dries them with a paper towel. Next, he joined the queue and picks up a tray and carries it to the serving area. He looks around the dining hall. He thinks about the dessert and grins to himself.

Now, write the words that you underlined in the simple past tense.

was

2. These sentences should be written in the present tense. Underline any verbs that are incorrect.

Mandeep likes to help the younger children in school. She stayed in and helped the Reception class. She gave them each an apron. She passes them some paper. She put paint in the paint pots for them. She always smiled at them and made them laugh. The younger children spent a long time on their artwork. Mandeep tried not to take over and she let them do it themselves. She just gave them tips and ideas.

Now, write the words that you underlined in the simple present tense.

stays

Spot the Mistake Answers

1. Harrison walked quickly to the dining area. He is very hungry and wants his dinner. He washes his hands and dries them with a paper towel. Next, he joined the queue and picks up a tray and carries it to the serving area. He looks around the dining hall. He thinks about the dessert and grins to himself.

was, wanted, washed, dried, picked, carried, looked, thought, grinned

2. Mandeep likes to help the younger children in school. She stayed in and helped the Reception class. She gave them each an apron. She passes them some paper. She put paint in the paint pots for them. She always smiled at them and made them laugh. The younger children spent a long time on their artwork. Mandeep tried not to take over and she let them do it themselves. She just gave them tips and ideas.

stays, helps, gives, puts, smiles, makes, spend, tries, lets, gives