

Tense

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Write some examples of past tense words.

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Part B

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★ Challenge Task ★

Rewrite the passage in the future tense.

Tense Answers

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Answers should be the children's own but should be spelled correctly.

Part B

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It may be useful to point out that 'found' remains as it is - children may be confused and assume it is the past tense of 'find' as opposed to the meaning 'to start a city'. There must be subject/verb agreement, e.g. 'wants' and 'want'.

Challenge Task

Rewrite the passage in the future tense.

The twins will turn down the crown because they will want to found their own city. The twins will leave their hometown in search of a place to build their perfect city. They will eventually come to the place where Rome is located today. They will both like the general area, except they will both want to build the city on a different hill. Romulus will want the city to be on top of Palatine Hill while Remus will prefer Aventine Hill.