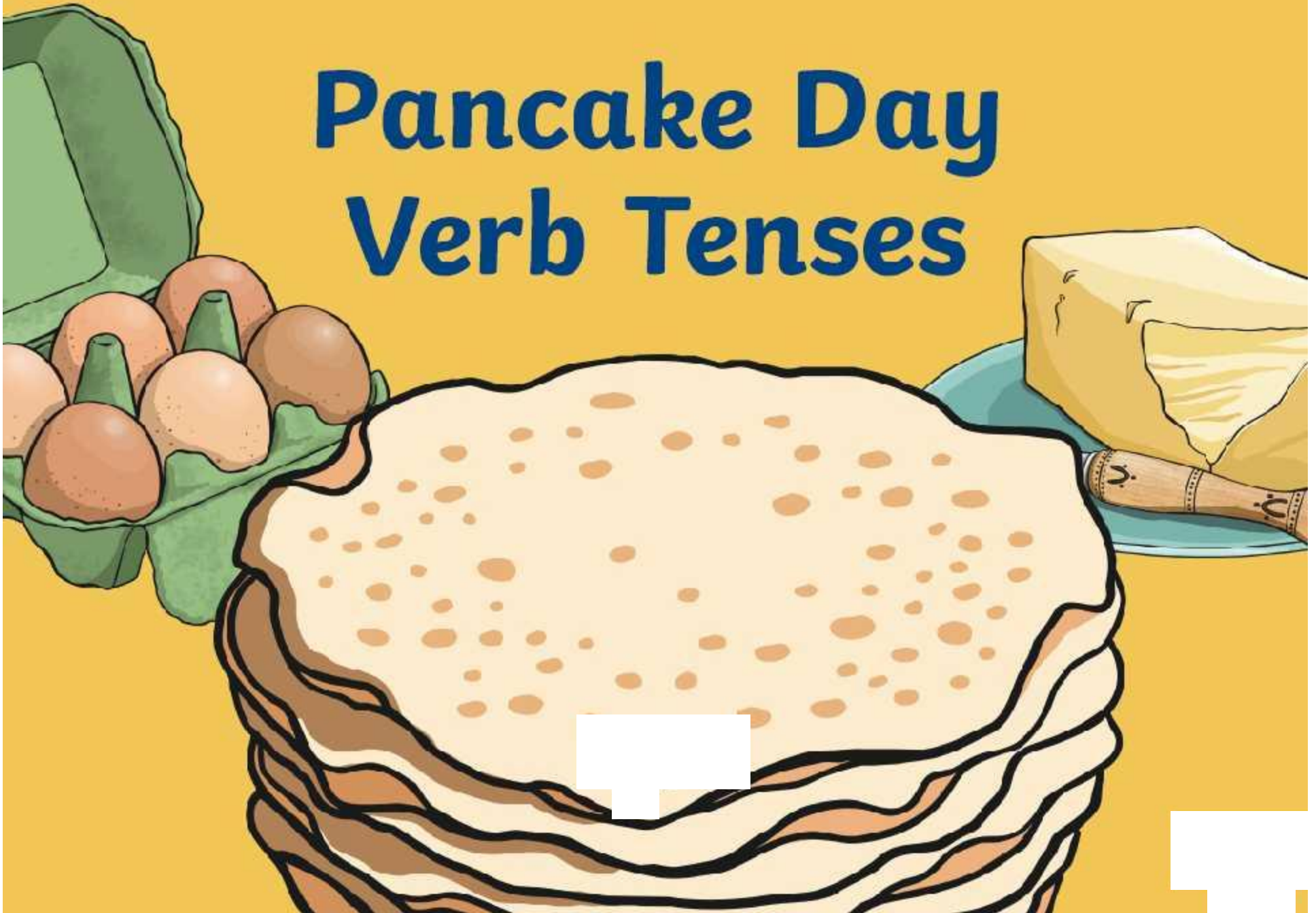


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Read the following passage carefully:

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Identify all the verbs in this passage.

Answers

Read the following passage carefully:

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Using the Present Tense

There are four different present tenses. Discuss with a partner how each one is made so you can identify them.

Tense	Example
Simple present tense	I make pancakes.
Present progressive tense	I am making pancakes.
Present perfect tense	I have made pancakes all morning.
Present perfect progressive tense	I have been making pancakes since 6pm.

Using the Present Perfect Tense

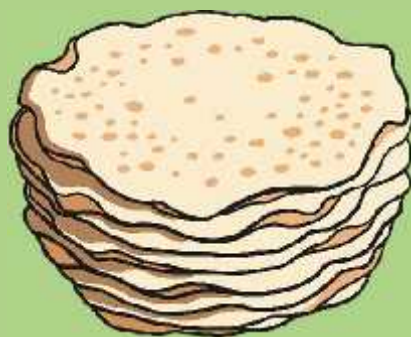
The present perfect tense describes events which started in the past and have continued up until now. It is different from the simple past e.g. the simple past = I sprinkled sugar on my pancake. The present perfect = I have sprinkled sugar on my pancake.

I **have made** 45 pancakes.

You **have made** chocolate pancakes.

He/she **has made** lemon pancakes.

Uses 'has' or 'have' and the past participle of the verb, e.g. I have baked



We **have made** too many pancakes.

They **have made** lots of pancakes.

Using the Present Perfect Tense

Change these simple present tense sentences into the present perfect tense:

Example:

I **cook** pancakes.

I have cooked pancakes.

1. I build a stack of pancakes.

I have built a stack of pancakes.

2. She invites her friends to a pancake-flipping contest.

She has invited her friends to a pancake-flipping contest.

3. Henry buys flour from the shop.

Henry has bought flour from the shop.

4. They eat six pancakes each.

They have eaten six pancakes each.

Identify the Verb Tense

Identify which type of present tense these sentences are written in:

1. Hassan has been flipping his pancake for the last five minutes.

present perfect progressive

2. Heidi is creating her own new pancake topping.

present progressive tense

3. Mrs Jones has worked on a pancake day menu for the school kitchen.

present perfect tense

4. Jerry buys flour, eggs and salt from the shop.

simple present tense

5. The village shop sells hundreds of lemons in the run up to Shrove Tuesday.

simple present tense

Using the Simple Past Tense

We are used to using the simple past tense.
Change these present tense sentences to the past tense:

1. I flip pancakes.

I flipped pancakes.

2. Paul wants strawberries as a pancake topping.

Paul wanted strawberries as a pancake topping.

3. Bobby mixes the pancake batter.

Bobby mixed the pancake batter.

4. John's cafe offers three different types of pancakes on their menu.

John's cafe offered three different types of pancakes on their menu.

Using the Past Tense

There are **four** different past tenses.
Discuss with a partner how each one is made so you can identify them.

Tense	Example
Simple past tense	I mixed the batter.
Past progressive tense	I was mixing the batter.
Past perfect tense	I had mixed the batter.
Past perfect progressive tense	I had been mixing the batter.



Identify the Verb Tense

Identify which type of past tense these sentences are written in:

1. Mr Piper dropped an egg.

simple past tense

2. They were stirring it with a wooden spoon.

past progressive tense

3. We had bought plenty of flour.

past perfect tense

4. The pancake was stuck on the ceiling.

simple past tense

5. Dad had been cooking pancakes for hours.

past perfect progressive tense

