

Year 3 and 4 Grammar Week 9

Tenses – past, present, future

Activity 1 *If you prefer you can just write the correct verb in each box*

Verbs Sorting Activity

A verb is a doing word or action word. Can you cut and stick the words into the correct column?

Walk	Run	Eat	Say

stagger	mutter	race	amble	gobble
whisper	munch	march	declare	speak
sprint	taste	gallop	charge	exclaim
canter	consume	stroll	chomp	step

Activity 2 Simple Past Tense

Past Tenses

Simple Past

Simple Past is also known as Past Simple and describes events which happened at a specific time, but are now completed.
e.g.

I baked
You baked (singular)
He/She/It baked

We baked
You baked (plural)
They baked

Change these sentences to past tense:

1. There **are** two birds on the fence.

Yesterday there _____ two birds on the fence.

2. I **am bringing** some orange juice to the party.

I _____ some orange juice to the party.

3. Tomorrow, Billy **is going** to see the dentist.

Yesterday, Billy _____ to see the dentist.

4. Sarah **jumps** over the fence.

An hour ago, Sarah _____ over the fence.

5. Joey **is catching** an airplane to Spain.

Last year, Joey _____ an airplane to Spain.

6. My sister **likes** her ice cream.

My sister _____ her ice cream.

7. There **is** a cat in the yard sitting on the path.

There _____ a cat in the yard sitting on the path.

8. Tomorrow, I **am going to eat** really healthily.

Yesterday, I _____ really healthily.

Activity 3 Simple Present Tense

Present Tenses

Simple Present

The Simple Present can be used to describe something that happens regularly, to give an instruction, to describe something that has been arranged or to talk about the future after certain conjunctions have been used (after, when, before, as soon as, until).

e.g.

I bake
You bake (singular)

He/She/It bakes
We bake

You bake (plural)
They bake

Change these sentences to present tense:

1. The lion **will roar** fiercely.

The lion _____ fiercely.

2. Yesterday, I **went** to the supermarket.

Today, I _____ to the supermarket.

3. The owl **swooped** down from the tree tops.

The owl _____ down from the tree tops.

4. Tomorrow, the sun **will rise**.

Today, the sun _____.

5. There **was** a huge bear that **lived** in the cave.

There _____ a huge bear that _____ in the cave.

6. I **couldn't** wait to go to the park.

I _____ wait to go to the park.

7. The monkey **will swing** through the jungle.

The monkey _____ through the jungle.

8. A week ago, I **went** on a vacation.

Right now, I'm _____ on a vacation.

Activity 4 Simple Future Tense

Future Tenses

Simple Future

Simple Future is also known as Future Simple and describes events which will take place.
e.g.

I will bake
You will bake (singular)
He/She/It will bake

We will bake
You will bake (plural)
They will bake

Change these sentences to future tense:

1. The wolf **howled** at the moon.

The wolf _____ at the moon.

2. Today, I **am doing** all of my homework.

Today, I _____ all of my homework.

3. Yesterday, I **carried** all of the shopping home.

Tomorrow, I _____ all of the shopping home.

4. I **have been** to the movies.

I _____ to the movies.

5. The brave man **is saving** her life.

The brave man _____ her life.

6. Peter **ran** all the way to school.

Peter _____ all the way to school.

7. Last year, I **traveled** half way around the world.

Next year, I _____ half way around the world.

8. My brother **is growing** taller than my dad!

My brother _____ taller than my dad!

Activity 5



A Walk in the Park

It's a walk in the park to use consistent verb tenses!

Read this paragraph; what tense is it? Find the verbs. Can you put the necessary verbs into the past tense so the paragraph still makes sense?

As we (my dog Hodge and I) approach the playing fields, Hodge is straining to pull away. "What's the matter with you?" I grumble, tugging hard at his lead. "We'll be there any minute anyway." However, the moment we squeeze through the gap in the hedge and onto the grass, he plonks his bottom down and wags his curly tail furiously in his best 'what a good dog!' position.

Then, I see what he has already smelled - his best friend Willow is waiting for him about fifty metres away. The second I unclip him, he is off like a bullet towards her! Meeting in the middle of the cricket pitch with a sort of doggy high-five, they race deliriously around and over each other for the next twenty-five minutes. Exhausted, finally, they both collapse on the grass in a heap, while Willow's owner jokes that they are puffing like a pair of furry steam trains.

Answers

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Changing Tense **Answers**

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Activity 3

Changing Tense **Answers**

Change these sentences to present tense:

- The lion **will roar** fiercely.
The lion **roars/is roaring** fiercely.
- Yesterday, I **went** to the supermarket.
Today, I **go/am going to** the supermarket.
- The owl **swooped** down from the tree tops.
The owl **swoops/is swooping** down from the tree tops.
- Tomorrow, the sun **will rise**.
Today, the sun **is rising**.
- There **was** a huge bear that **lived** in the cave.
There **is** a huge bear that **lives/is living** in the cave.
- I **couldn't** wait to go to the park.
I **can't** wait to go to the park.
- The monkey **will swing** through the jungle.
The monkey **swings/is swinging** through the jungle.
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Activity 4

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3. Yesterday, I **carried** all of the shopping home.
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