

## Present and Past Tense

Many verbs in the present tense have an *-s* ending with a singular subject. Verbs in the present tense do not have an *-s* ending with a plural subject. Most verbs in the past tense have an *-ed* ending.

A boy opens the box.                      present

Two boys open the box.                      present

A boy opened the box.                      past

➤ Write *present* if the underlined verb shows the present tense. Write *past* if the underlined verb shows the past tense.

1. We need some cinnamon for this French toast. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I remember you from first grade. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Justine and I walk home together. \_\_\_\_\_
4. I played a wolf in the school musical. \_\_\_\_\_
5. They offered to watch our dog. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Nick laughs when I tell jokes. \_\_\_\_\_
7. We kicked the ball to the goal line. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Jackson waits for me at the bus stop. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Kristen packed her suitcase for the trip. \_\_\_\_\_
10. The mouse squealed and ran away. \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Revisit a piece of your writing. Edit the draft to make sure all verb tenses are used correctly.

## Present, Past, and Future Tense

Many verbs in the present tense with singular subjects use an *-s* ending.

Verbs in the present tense with plural subjects do not use an *-s* ending.

Many verbs in the past tense use an *-ed* ending.

Verbs in the future tense use the helping verb *will*.

The girl dances on the stage.                      present

The girls dance on the stage.                      present

The girl danced on the stage.                      past

The girl will dance on the stage.                      future

➤ Write *present* if the underlined verb shows present tense. Write *past* if the underlined verb shows past tense. Write *future* if the underlined verb shows future tense.

1. The dog chewed on a bone. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I will explain how this game works. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Teddy and Lailia peel carrots for the salad. \_\_\_\_\_
4. I looked for you in the park. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The moon will shine in the sky tonight. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Present, Past, and Future Tense

A verb that explains an action that has already happened shows past tense.

A verb that tells about an action happening now shows present tense.

A verb that tells about an action that will happen in the future shows future tense.

➤ Write *present* if the underlined verb shows present tense. Write *past* if the underlined verb shows past tense. Write *future* if the underlined verb shows future tense.

1. My mother and I walked in the woods. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Kyle shouted something, but I did not hear what he said. \_\_\_\_\_
3. We will see a movie this weekend. \_\_\_\_\_
4. We picked raspberries in my grandmother's backyard. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Julia ordered some new books. \_\_\_\_\_
6. My father votes in the election. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Denise will visit us in the summer. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Mr. Jacobs coached our softball team. \_\_\_\_\_
9. I will drink two glasses of water. \_\_\_\_\_
10. We listen to the sounds outside our window. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Review Verb Tenses

Verbs in the present tense tell that the action in the sentence is happening now. Use an *-s* ending for singular subjects and no *-s* ending for a plural subject.

Verbs in the past tense tell about action in the sentence that has already happened. Many verbs add *-ed* to show past tense.

Verbs that tell about an action that is going to happen are in the future tense. You use the helping verb *will*.

I cook pancakes. Yesterday I cooked blueberry pancakes. I will cook banana pancakes tomorrow.

➤ Write *present, past, or future* for the tense each verb shows.

1. We will rake leaves for our neighbor. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Jonas jumps over the rain puddle. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Monica and I danced in the ballet recital. \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Rewrite sentences with underlined verbs from this paragraph. Change each underlined verb to make it match the tense of the verb in the first sentence. Write the new sentences on the lines below.

My sister cooked dinner last night. She works on dinner for two hours.  
Then she will call us to the dinner table.

4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Connect to Writing: Using Present, Past, and Future Tense

➤ Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question.

*Read the following paragraph about watching a movie. Look for any revisions that should be made. Then answer the questions that follow.*

(1) Last night, we watched a new movie. (2) My sister wanted to watch a scary movie. (3) I did not. (4) I will remember that I had bad dreams last time. (5) So I offered to find a funny movie. (6) It seems very good to me. (7) I was right! (8) We laughed all night long.

1. Which statement has a verb that is written in the wrong tense?

- A. Last night, we watched a new movie.
- B. My sister wanted to watch a scary movie.
- C. I did not.
- D. I will remember that I had bad dreams last time.

2. What change should be made to sentence 6?

- A. It should be written in the past tense.
- B. It should be written in the present tense.
- C. It should be written in the future tense.
- D. Make no change.

➤ What kind of movie do you like to watch? Write two or three sentences about it.

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