

Present Tense and Past Tense



Use the **present tense** to write about something that happens **regularly**.

Ellie **cheats**.

Hassan **knits**.

Tom **forgets** things.

Use the **past tense** to write about something that's **finished**.

Ellie **cheated**.

Hassan **knitted**.

Tom **forgot** things.

1 Underline the present tense verb in each sentence and then rewrite the sentence in the past tense.

Dan borrows a book. → Dan borrowed a book.

We pack the car. →

I pay the bills. →

They throw it out. →

He paints a picture. →

Hannah does a lot. →

2 Write a present tense sentence and a past tense sentence about each picture.

Present

Past



Present

Past



"I can use the present and past tenses."



Verbs with 'ing'



If you want to write about something that's **still happening**, use the present form of 'to be' plus the main verb with 'ing' on the end.

are / am / is + verb + ing → He is speaking to her.

'ing' verbs in the **past** are formed like 'ing' verbs in the present, but 'to be' has to be in the past tense. → Karl was talking.

1 Rewrite these sentences using the **past tense** with 'ing'.

We are starting, but they are finishing.

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Mark and Katie are skiing, but I am freezing!

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I am running, he is jogging and they are sitting.

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2 Complete the passage below by putting the verbs in brackets into the 'ing' form.

★ Extra Challenge

Write a paragraph about what a friend is doing right now using 'ing' verbs.

My brother Micah is (to leave) home today. Six months ago

he was (to apply) to boarding school, and he was (to hope)

..... to get a place. Now he is actually (to go) I will

miss him because he is always (to help) me with my homework.

I am already (to count) down the days until half term.

"I can use verbs in their 'ing' forms."



Verbs with 'have'



You can use the **present** form of the verb 'to **have**' to talk about something that happened recently.

Tony has asked Yvonne.

The verb after 'to have' is **often** in its **past tense** form, but not always.

I have seen it. (not 'I have saw it')

1 Write out these sentences using the present form of 'to have' with the past tense form of the verbs in brackets.

Tamara + (to have) + (to decide) + not to move house.

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Martha + (to have) + (to be) + to the shops.

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Ralph + (to have) + (to take) + Lilly's toys.

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2 Rewrite the passage below using the present form of 'to have'.

I planned a surprise for Ann because she passed her exams. I chose a really good film at the cinema, and I booked tickets for us.

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"I can use the verb 'to have'."

