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Past Present Future Tense Year 3

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Tense Time Travel Toolkit



Past tense



Already happened



Time clues: yesterday, last week, earlier



Example: Mila **planted** a seed.



Present tense



Happening **now** or happens **regularly**



Time clues: **now**, today, every **day**



Example: Mila **is planting** a seed.



Future tense



Will happen later



Time clues: tomorrow, next week, later



Example: Mila **will plant** a seed.



Quick tip: Keep the tense the same when the time stays the same.



Time Zone Verb Sort

Cut out the verb cards. Sort them into Past, Present or Future.



Past



Present



Future



washed

sang

carried

is washing

is singing

is carrying

will wash

will sing

will carry

wrote

built

flew

is writing

is building

is flying

will write

will build

will fly

Tense Trek

Roll, move and answer. If your partner agrees, stay on the space.

How to play

- 1 Take turns to roll the dice.
- 2 Move your counter.
- 3 Read the prompt aloud and answer in a full sentence.
- 4 If your partner agrees, stay on the space.
- 5 First to the FINISH wins!





Time Zone Sort



Name: _____ Date: _____

A. Sort each verb phrase into Past, Present or Future.

Word bank: climbed, is climbing, will climb, ate, is eating, will eat, carried, is carrying, will carry, wrote, is writing, will write



Past



Present



Future

B. Write past, present or future.

1. Yesterday, Luca kicked the ball.

2. Mia is reading now.

3. We will visit the farm tomorrow.

4. Every morning, Dad makes toast.

5. Last night, rain fell on the roof.

6. Next week, the team will practise.



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Past

climbed

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carried

wrote



Present

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is carrying

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Future

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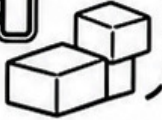
past

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future



Verb Change Builder



Name: _____

Date: _____

Complete the table. Think about regular endings, spelling changes and **irregular verbs**.

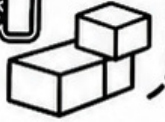
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play	_____	_____	_____
hop	_____	_____	_____
dance	_____	_____	_____
plan	_____	_____	_____
try	_____	_____	_____
write	_____	_____	_____
buy	_____	_____	_____
swim	_____	_____	_____



Hint: Future tense often uses will + base verb.



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dance	<u>danced</u>	<u>dancing</u>	<u>will dance</u>
plan	<u>planned</u>	<u>planning</u>	<u>will plan</u>
try	<u>tried</u>	<u>trying</u>	<u>will try</u>
write	<u>wrote</u>	<u>writing</u>	<u>will write</u>
buy	<u>bought</u>	<u>buying</u>	<u>will buy</u>
swim	<u>swam</u>	<u>swimming</u>	<u>will swim</u>



Hint: Future tense often uses will + base verb.



Sentence Time Detective



Name: _____

Date: _____

A. Underline the verb. Write past, present or future.

1. The children will paint a mural. _____

2. Aiden jumped over the puddle. _____

3. Sienna is feeding the chickens. _____

4. The bus stops near the library. _____

5. Last Saturday, we rode our scooters. _____

6. Tomorrow, I will bring my hat. _____

B. Fix the tense. Rewrite each sentence correctly.

7. Yesterday, I will play soccer. _____

8. Right now, Tom packed his bag. _____

9. Tomorrow, we ate lunch outside. _____

10. Every Friday, Mum will drive us to swimming. _____



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Rewrite the Time



Name: _____

Date: _____

Rewrite each sentence in the requested tense.

1. Present to past: The class is planting vegetables.

2. Past to present: The puppy chased the ball.

3. Present to future: Ben reads a comic.

4. Future to past: The choir will sing loudly.

5. Past to future: Asha wrote a note.

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Ben will read a comic.

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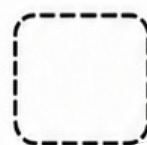
The choir sang loudly.

5. Past to future: Asha wrote a note.

Asha will write a note.

6. Future to present: The swimmer will dive into the pool.

The swimmer is diving into the pool.





Tense Consistency Check



Name: _____ Date: _____

The time clue says this paragraph happened yesterday. Underline verbs that do not match. Rewrite the paragraph in past tense.

Yesterday our class visits the museum. We will walk through the dinosaur room. I take notes in my book. My friend drew a fossil. At the end, our teacher is asking us to share one fact.

Rewrite in past tense:





Tense Consistency Check



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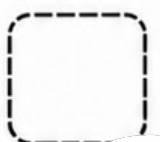
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Tense Writer Extension



Name: _____

Date: _____

Write a three-sentence mini story about one action.
Use one base verb from the box. Then circle each verb.

Choose one base verb: draw, build, swim, write, plant

Sentence 1 – past

Sentence 2 – present

Sentence 3 – future

Checklist

I used a past-tense verb.

☐

I used a present-tense verb.

☐

I used will + base verb for future tense.

☐

My tense choices match the time.

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Use one base verb from the box. Then circle each verb.

Choose one base verb: draw, build, swim, write, plant

Sentence 1 - past

Yesterday I planted a sunflower seed.

Sentence 2 - present

Today I am planting beans with my group.

Sentence 3 - future

Tomorrow I will plant herbs near the classroom.

Checklist

I used a past-tense verb.



I used a present-tense verb.



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School Garden Tense Challenge



Name: _____

Date: _____

Part A: Complete the tense table.

Base Verb	Past	Present	Future
plant			
hop			
carry			
write			
buy			
swim			

Part B: Fix the tense errors. Rewrite the paragraph.

Yesterday our group will plant seedlings near the fence. I am carrying the watering can to the tap. Zoe dug small holes. Tomorrow we checked whether the soil is damp.

Part C: Write three garden sentences. Use one past, one present and one future tense verb.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



School Garden Tense Challenge



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ANSWERS

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Part A: Complete the tense table.

Base Verb	Past	Present	Future
plant	planted	planting	will plant
hop	hopped	hopping	will hop
carry	carried	carrying	will carry
write	wrote	writing	will write
buy	bought	buying	will buy
swim	swam	swimming	will swim

Part B: Fix the tense errors. Rewrite the paragraph.

Yesterday our group will plant seedlings near the fence. I am carrying the watering can to the tap. Zoe dug small holes. Tomorrow we checked whether the soil is damp.

Yesterday our group planted seedlings near the fence.

I carried the watering can to the tap. Zoe dug small holes.

Tomorrow we will check whether the soil is damp.

Part C: Write three garden sentences. Use one past, one present and one future tense verb.

1. Yesterday I planted seeds.

2. Today I am watering them.

3. Tomorrow I will check the new leaves.

Past Present Future Tense Year 3 Rubric

Criteria	BEGINNING	DEVELOPING	ACHIEVING	CONFIDENT	EXCEEDING
Identifies tense and time clues	Needs support few correct often unsure	Some correct uses familiar examples needs reminders	Mostly correct uses taught patterns matches time clues	Consistently correct explains choices checks writing	Flexible and accurate handles tricky verbs improves writing
Changes verbs into past, present and future	Needs support few correct often unsure	Some correct uses familiar examples needs reminders	Mostly correct uses taught patterns matches time clues	Consistently correct explains choices checks writing	Flexible and accurate handles tricky verbs improves writing
Uses regular and irregular verb forms	Needs support few correct often unsure	Some correct uses familiar examples needs reminders	Mostly correct uses taught patterns matches time clues	Consistently correct explains choices checks writing	Flexible and accurate handles tricky verbs improves writing
Keeps tense consistent	Needs support few correct often unsure	Some correct uses familiar examples needs reminders	Mostly correct uses taught patterns matches time clues	Consistently correct explains choices checks writing	Flexible and accurate handles tricky verbs improves writing
Applies tense choices in writing	Needs support few correct often unsure	Some correct uses familiar examples needs reminders	Mostly correct uses taught patterns matches time clues	Consistently correct explains choices checks writing	Flexible and accurate handles tricky verbs improves writing

Past, Present and Future Tense



Past, Present and Future Tense Quiz

