

Aim

- To use past and present tenses correctly in my writing.

Success Criteria

- I can identify sentences that are written in the past tense.
- I can change verbs to past tense verbs.
- I can identify sentences that are written in the present tense.
- I can change verbs to present tense verbs.
- I can use tenses correctly and consistently in my writing.

Simple Past or Simple Present?

Tell your partner about some of the things you do every morning before school.

E.g. I get up.

I walk downstairs.

What verbs did you use in the sentences you said aloud to your partner?

E.g. get, walk, brush, eat, play.

These verbs are in the present tense. You use present tense verbs to talk about the things you do now and on a regular basis. The simple present tense is used to describe something which is true at this moment in time.



Simple Past or Simple Present?

These children are talking about the things they did last weekend. They are using the simple past tense.

I listened to my favourite music.



I walked up a big hill with my family.

I played in the garden.



Work with your partner.

Write the verbs used in these sentences onto your whiteboards.

Simple Past or Simple Present?

These verbs are in the simple past.

I **listened** to my favourite music.

I **walked** up a big hill with my family.

I **played** in the garden.

The **simple past tense** is used to describe events which have already happened.

Simple Present Tense Verbs	Simple Past Tense Verbs
brush walk play	brushed walked played

Simple Past Tense Verbs

The verbs in each sentence tell us if the sentence is in the past tense or the present tense.

Many past tense verbs end in -ed:

played
jumped
skipped
walked
screamed
started
cried
carried



Can you remember the rules for adding -ed to words ending in a consonant and then -y?

If the verb ends in a consonant and then y, change it to an i and then add -ed.

cried

Simple Past Tense Verbs

Also, remember...

If the verb ends in a vowel followed by a 'y', just add 'ed'.

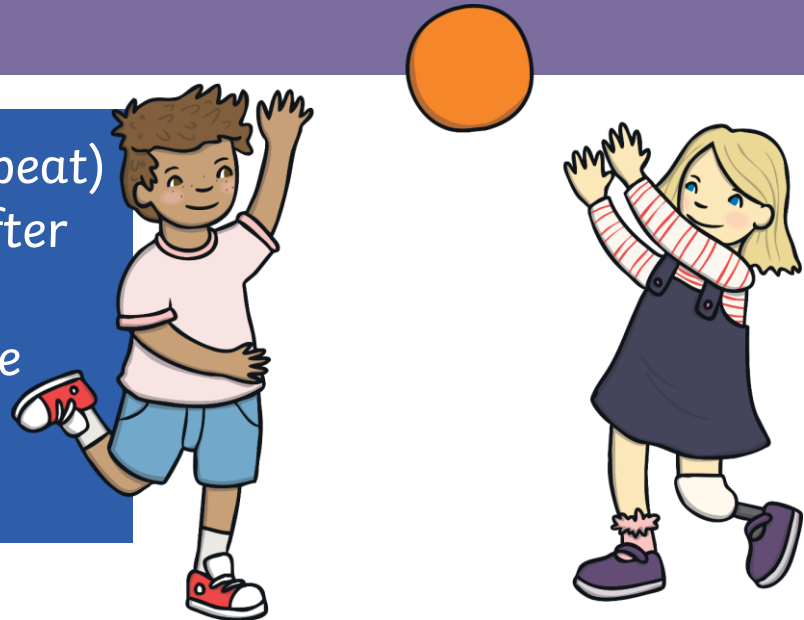
E.g. play – played

If a verb ends in an 'e', just add 'd'.

E.g. wade – waded.

If a verb has just one syllable (beat) and has one consonant letter after a single vowel letter at the end, double the last consonant before adding 'ed'.

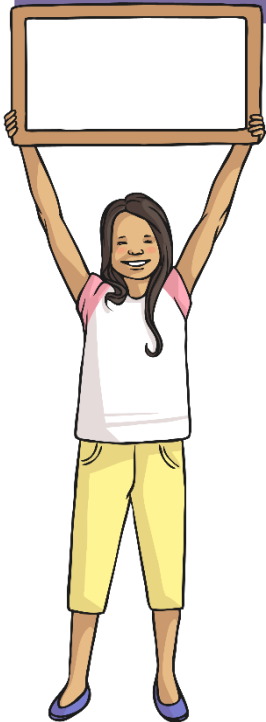
E.g. skip - skipped



Simple Past Tense Verbs

Some past tense words are irregular. This means they don't follow the rule of adding -ed.

Look at these words. Do you know what the past tense word for these words are? Work with your partner to write them on your whiteboard.



run

swim

begin

go

drink

see



Simple Present Tense Verbs

Present tense words change depending on the sentence they are in. They either have no suffix, -ing suffix or -s/-es suffix.

play

plays

I **play** football every day.

Clara **plays** football every day.

We **play** football every day.

My friends **play** football every day.

You **play** football every day.

When using 'I', 'we' or 'they', there is no suffix.

With 'he', 'she' or someone's name (one person), there is a suffix of s or es.



Simple Present Tense Verbs

Some spelling rules for adding 'es'

Remember that when a verb ends with a consonant and then a 'y', change the 'y' to an 'i' and then add 'es'.

E.g. try – tries

Some words sound like there is an extra syllable at the end of them when the -s is added /uhz/. These words end in '**es**'.

E.g. catch -catches

Simple Present Tense Verbs

Write down the correct simple present tense verbs for these sentences.

Mum **runs** 5 kilometres each day. (run)

My brother **watches** me have my swimming lesson on Tuesdays. (watch)

The baby **cries** a lot during the night. (cry)

Fran often **dances** in shows. (dance)

Spot the Mistake

When we are writing, it is important that the tense we use stays consistent. That means if we begin writing in the past tense, we must use the past tense all the way through.

Look at the paragraph below. The writer began writing in the past tense. Can you spot the mistakes?

Lucy woke up early on Sunday morning. She stretched and looked over to her window. Suddenly, she remembers that it is snowing just before she went to bed last night. She jumped out of bed and races to the window. Outside the ground was covered in deep, soft snow.



Which words would you use instead?