

Verb tenses

Verbs can be changed to show what is happening in the present, what happened in the past or what will happen in the future. For example, *She is walking to school (present). She walked to school (past). She will walk to school (future).*

Some verbs change more than just by adding a suffix. For example, *He is thinking about it (present). He thought about it (past). He will think about it (future).*

1. Write these present tense verbs in the past tense.

- (a) reply _____ (b) believe _____ (c) promise _____
(d) buy _____ (e) hear _____ (f) forget _____
(g) worry _____ (h) fight _____ (i) burn _____
(j) begin _____ (k) feel _____ (l) choose _____

2. Underline the verbs and write them in the past tense.

- (a) I throw the ball and Ben catches it. _____
(b) My brother watches a film while I type my messages. _____
(c) Mum asks for help so I finish my work quickly. _____
(d) I will give some chocolate to Jason and eat the rest. _____
(e) The athlete is running around the track and checking her times. _____
(f) Dad is signing my form and I'm taking it to the teacher. _____

3. Rewrite the verbs to show the future tense.

- (a) Julia is driving to work and staying late. Julia will _____ to work and will _____ late.
(b) Azami has drawn the picture and displayed it in the room. _____
(c) The spiders scared me so I closed the shed door. _____
(d) I have written a lot in my journal and used coloured pens. _____
(e) The book was published and many people bought it. _____

4. Rewrite the verbs to show the present tense.

- (a) He paid for the ticket and tried to sit near the front. He _____ for the ticket and _____ to sit near the front.
(b) He drank a litre of water after he finished the game. _____
(c) She has behaved badly so I told her to go away. _____
(d) I copied the work and gave it to the teacher. _____
(e) I hid my jewellery so it wasn't stolen. _____
(f) I washed, brushed and styled my hair before dinner. _____