

# Is the Sentence in the Past, Present, or Future Tense?



Verb tense can show when something happens.

**Present tense verbs** tell you about something that is happening now.

**Past tense verbs** tell you about something that has already happened.

**Future tense verbs** tell you about something that is going to happen.

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Determine the verb tense used in each sentence. Write **past**, **present**, or **future** on the line provided. An example has been done for you.

1. The school's soccer team won their championship game. past
2. Ms. Rodriguez judges the students' science fair projects. present
3. The fresh snow will melt before noon tomorrow. future
4. My sister blew out the candles on her birthday cake. past
5. I have the perfect costume ready for Halloween. present
6. Geese migrate south for the colder winter months. present
7. Layton's favorite band will release a new album this year. future
8. The author reads a chapter of her new book to the audience. present
9. After a picnic lunch on the beach, I fell asleep to the soothing sound of waves. past
10. My grandmother baked us lasagna for dinner on the last night of our family vacation. past
11. The art museum will feature an exhibit by an up-and-coming local artist. future