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Verbs: Past, Present, and Future Tense answers

Verbs are words that show an action or state of being. The **verb tense** tells when the action happened. When the verb tense changes, the verb often changes its spelling.

The three major tenses are:

- **past** (yesterday, earlier, long ago)
- **present** (today, now, currently)
- **future** (tomorrow, later, next year)



Example: **Run**

Past

She ran yesterday.

Present

She runs past me today.

Future

She will run tomorrow.

The progressive tense is formed when you add the helping verb “to be” and the suffix *-ing*.

Past Progressive

She was running yesterday.

Present Progressive

She is running today.

Future Progressive

She will be running tomorrow.

Directions: Write each word or phrase from the verb bank in the proper column below.

Verb Bank

Past/Past Progressive	Present/Present Progressive	Future/Future Progressive
slid chose hopped was kicking flew swung	kicks is playing looks is trying flies is smiling	will smile will fly will be hopping will be jumping will choose will swing

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Directions: Write each word in the correct verb tense.

	Past	Present	Future
sit	sat	sits	will sit
pop	popped	pops	will pop
scream	screamed	screams	will scream
hear	heard	hears	will hear
build	built	builds	will build
buy	bought	buys	will buy

Directions: Write the correct form of the verb to complete each sentence.

1. Mom went to the store yesterday.
(go)
2. Tomorrow, I will write an essay in class.
(write)
3. Ken sang an original song at the talent show last week.
(sing)
4. Now I am listening to you.
(listen)
5. Patricia will travel to Malaysia next month.
(travel)

Directions: Somebody used the wrong verb tense in their writing! Write the correct form of the verb in each of the incorrect sentences below.

1. Yesterday I will be at home. was
2. Kai is had a sandwich right now. having
3. Ben is kicking the ball earlier. was kicking
4. Tomorrow the librarian read a book. will read