

ENGLISH · Y2-Y5

# Verbs and Tenses

Action and state words; past, present, future

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**Action verb**

Tells you what someone is doing — run, jump, write, eat

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**State verb**

Describes a state of being — be, have, seem, feel

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**Past tense**

Something already happened — walked, ran, was, had

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**Present tense**

Happening now — walks, runs, is, has

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**Future tense**

Will happen — will walk, will run, will be

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**Irregular verbs**

Verbs that don't follow normal patterns: go → went, eat → ate, swim → swam

## Set 1: Find the verb

1. The dog barked at the postman.
2. She wrote a long letter.
3. We swam in the pool.



4. 4. He is hungry.
5. 5. They believe in fairies.
6. 6. The bell rings at 3pm.
7. 7. I have a new bike.
8. 8. The flowers grew quickly.

### Set 2: Change to past tense

1. 1. I run to the shop. → I \_\_\_ to the shop.
2. 2. She eats an apple. → She \_\_\_ an apple.
3. 3. We swim every day. → We \_\_\_ every day.
4. 4. They jump over the fence. → They \_\_\_ over the fence.
5. 5. He sings beautifully. → He \_\_\_ beautifully.
6. 6. I see a rainbow. → I \_\_\_ a rainbow.
7. 7. The cat catches a mouse. → The cat \_\_\_ a mouse.
8. 8. We go to the park. → We \_\_\_ to the park.

### Set 3: Change to future tense (using 'will')

1. 1. I walk to school. → I \_\_\_ to school.
2. 2. She reads a book. → She \_\_\_ a book.
3. 3. We play in the garden. → We \_\_\_ in the garden.
4. 4. He writes a letter. → He \_\_\_ a letter.
5. 5. They visit grandma. → They \_\_\_ grandma.
6. 6. The team scores a goal. → The team \_\_\_ a goal.

### Answer key

Set 1: 1. barked 2. wrote 3. swam 4. is 5. believe 6. rings 7. have 8. grew

Set 2: 1. ran 2. ate 3. swam 4. jumped 5. sang 6. saw 7. caught 8. went

Set 3: 1. will walk 2. will read 3. will play 4. will write 5. will visit 6. will score



