



Present, Past and Future Tense

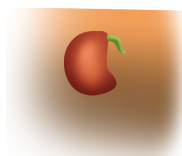
Learning Outcomes

- Students will learn how verbs change in different tenses.
- They will identify verbs in the present, past, and future tense.



Lead in

Look at the pictures given below and observe the different stages according to time.



seed
(Past)



small plant
(Present)



big tree
(Future)

Tense and Time

Verbs express actions. The form of the verbs also tells us the time of the action. This is called the **Tense** of the verb. **Tense** refers to time. An action can happen in the

1. present
2. past
3. future

Read the following sentences.

1. Radhika **is** present today.
2. We **do** our homework every day.
3. I **eat** my breakfast.



In the above sentences **is**, **do** and **eat** are verbs. They show the present time and make general statement. They are said to be in the **Present Tense**.

Now, read the following sentences.

1. Radhika **was** present yesterday.
2. We **did** our homework yesterday.
3. I **ate** my breakfast.

In the above sentences, the words **was**, **did** and **ate** are verbs. They show the past tense. They are said to be in the **Past Tense**.





Now read the following sentences.

1. Radhika **will be** absent tomorrow.
2. We **will do** our homework tomorrow.
3. I **will eat** my breakfast.

In the above sentences, **will be**, **will do**, **will eat** are verbs. They show the future time. They are said to be in the **Future Tense**.



Grammar Byte

◉ The form of the verb tells us the time of an action. This is called **Tense**.

Kind of Tenses

1. Present Tense

2. Past Tense

3. Future Tense

There are some words which indicate the time of an action like **now**, **today**, **yesterday**, **last week**, **tomorrow**, **next week**, etc. These words help us to find out if a verb is in the present, past or future tense.

But we should remember the form of the verbs to find out the tense of a verb.

I am (present)

I brush (present)

I was (past)

I brushed (past)

I will be (future)

I will brush (future)

Given below are present, past and future tense form of some common verbs.

Present

blow
begin
write
pay
make
lose
leave
lead
know
keep
choose
catch

past

blew
began
wrote
paid
made
lost
left
led
knew
kept
chose
caught

future

will blow
will begin
will write
will pay
will make
will lose
will leave
will lead
will know
will keep
will choose
will catch





buy
bring
find
feel
win
think
swim
sleep
hold
grow
go
give
get
sing
see
run
ride
read
fall
eat
drive
drink
draw
do
come
break

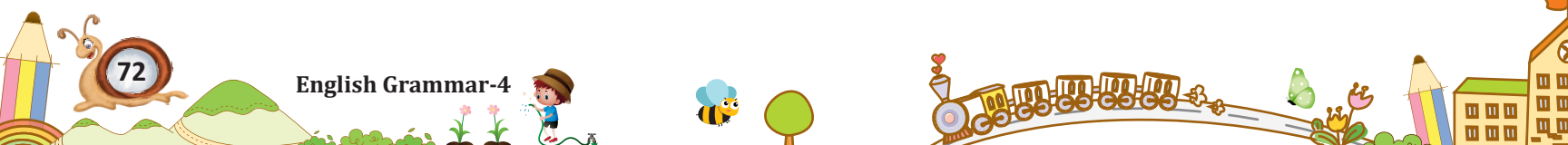
bought
brought
found
felt
won
thought
swam
slept
held
grew
went
gave
got
sang
saw
ran
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read
fell
ate
drove
drank
drew
did
came
broke

will buy
will bring
will find
will feel
will win
will think
will swim
will sleep
will hold
will grow
will go
will give
will get
will sing
will see
will run
will ride
will read
will fall
will eat
will drive
will drink
will draw
will do
will come
will break



Grammar Byte

- ◉ Simple present tense : is / am / are
- ◉ Simple past tense : was / were
- ◉ Simple future tense : will be / shall be





Points to Remember

- *Tense refers to time.*
- *An action can happen in **present, past** and **future**.*



My Activity Corner



Skills/Level
READING & WRITING/A2



Tick (✓) the correct option.

1. Manish is late today.

(a) Present Tense

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(b) Past Tense

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(c) Future Tense

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2. Rani was here yesterday.

(a) Present Tense

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(b) Past Tense

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(c) Future Tense

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3. Our school will arrange a picnic.

(a) Present Tense

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(b) Past Tense

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(c) Future Tense

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4. They went to the zoo yesterday.

(a) Present Tense

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(b) Past Tense

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(c) Future Tense

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5. My father will leave for Delhi tomorrow.

(a) Present Tense

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(b) Past Tense

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(c) Future Tense

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My EeeBee Interactive Activities



Listening



Speaking



Reading



Writing



Grammar



Vocabulary

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on Communication Lab

