

Verb tense shows when an action happens.

- ▶ The **subject** helps determine what **verb** to use.
- ▶ Sometimes **clue words** help determine the **verb tense**.

Clue Words	
Present Tense	every, now, then, often, today
Past Tense	yesterday, last, ago
Future Tense	next, soon, tomorrow

Verb Tenses	Subject	Verb	Example
Present tense action happens now or often.	I, you, we, they	go	You go to the park today.
	he, she, it	goes	Sandy goes to the park today.
Past tense action happened in the past.	Subject		
	I, he, she, it you, we, they	went	Sandy and Mike went to the park yesterday.
Future tense action Will happen in the future.	Subject		
	I, you, he, she it, we, they	will go	They will go to the park tomorrow.

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Which is an example of a verb in the **present tense**? Why?

- A** Irma goes to the market. **B** Irma went to the market.

Which is an example of a verb in the **past tense**? Explain.

- A** Jim went to the fair. **B** Jim goes to the fair every year.

Which is an example of a verb in the **future tense**? How do you know?

- A** Ted will go to the museum. **B** Ted went to the museum.

In your own words, what is verb tense?

1. Read the sentence.
2. Identify the subject and clue words. (underline)
3. Use the correct verb. (write)
4. Read the sentences.

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will go	probably, next, soon, tomorrow

1 Paula _____ to the restaurant often.

2 Paula _____ to the restaurant next week.

3 Paula _____ to the restaurant last night.

4 My brothers _____ to the museum every week.

5 I _____ to the museum soon.

6 My brothers _____ to the museum last month.

7 I _____ to the zoo often.

8 Hector _____ to the zoo and saw a huge snake.

9 My family _____ to Japan next year.

10 Marla _____ to the store tomorrow.

11 Marla _____ to the doctor once a month.

12 Marla _____ to the doctor already.

Skill Closure

1. Read the sentence.
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A My friends and I _____ to the railroad station to see the old trains often.

B My family _____ to the railroad station yesterday.

C We _____ to the railroad station to pick up our uncle tomorrow afternoon.

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Concept Closure

Write three sentences using the past, present, and future verb tenses.

Past Tense

Present Tense

Future Tense

Summary Closure

What did you learn today about using simple verb tenses?

Word Bank
verb
verb tense
past
present
future

Complete the sentence.**Use clue words to help you determine the correct verb tense.****Read the sentences.**

1 The climbers _____ up the tallest mountain when the weather is good.

2 One climber _____ to the summit next month.

3 The climbers _____ up the tallest mountain last May.

4 We usually _____ to the café near our house.

5 The tourists _____ to a fancy café this morning.

6 The tourists _____ to New York soon.

7 The skater _____ to practice every day.

8 The skaters _____ to the skating rink and stayed a long time.

9 I _____ to the skating rink next time.

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Listening

Listen to the text read aloud.

Determine the verb tense(s) of the verb "to go". (box)

List the verbs "to go". (write)

1 Present Tense Past Tense Future Tense

List the verbs _____ _____

2 Present Tense Past Tense Future Tense

List the verbs _____ _____

3 Present Tense Past Tense Future Tense

List the verbs _____ _____

4 Present Tense Past Tense Future Tense

List the verbs _____ _____

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List the verbs _____ _____

Listen to the passage again. What is the passage about? (write)

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Reading

Read the passage.
Complete the passage using the past, present, and future verb tenses. Reread the passage.

Today, I decided to share pictures of the places I _____ during our last summer vacation. Shacola said she _____ to Florida next summer. Gilbert _____ to New Mexico last winter. Mindy _____ to New York with her family in the spring. My friends and I often _____ to the park to talk and hangout.

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Complete the sentence.
Use clue words to help you determine the correct verb tense. Read the sentences.

- Mrs. Carol _____ to the optometrist every two years.
- Mrs. Carol _____ to the optometrist because she needs new glasses.
- Mrs. Carol _____ to the optometrist because she needed new glasses.
- Thomas often _____ to the airport to see the planes.
- Thomas _____ to the airport earlier.
- Thomas _____ to the airport later.



Writing

Rewrite the sentence using the simple **present tense**.

Margarita went to the library last night.

Rewrite the sentence using the simple **past tense**.

Our neighbors will go to Europe for vacation.

Rewrite the sentence using the simple **future tense**.

Chelsea went to a birthday party last weekend.

Complete the sentence. Use clue words to help you determine the correct verb tense. Read the sentences.

- 1 Mr. Brown _____ to the gas station close to his work.
- 2 Mr. Brown _____ to the gas station before he runs out of gas.
- 3 We _____ to the gas station because we needed gas.
- 4 Martin _____ to San Francisco.
- 5 Martin _____ to San Francisco and stayed with his friend.
- 6 When Martin _____ to San Francisco, he stays with his friend.

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