

Tense 1: Recognizing tenses

See the handout on **Tense** if you need help to complete these exercises.

Present and past

Some of the sentences below are in the present tense and some in the past tense. Read each sentence and write its tense in the box. Then rewrite each one in the opposite tense.

1. I walked to school.

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past

2. We work hard.

3. The boy plays the piano very well.

4. Mrs Cook baked a cake every weekend.

5. Katy and I talked a lot on the phone.

6. John acts much older than his age.

Tense wall

Read the verbs in the bricks. Then write each one underneath in the opposite tense.

Remember that in some verbs, the last consonant is doubled when **-ed** is added to change the verb to the past tense.

call called	liked _____	arrived _____	collect _____	
	slipped _____	wink _____	plan _____	hate _____
stop _____	loved _____	dropped _____	move _____	

Tense 2: Past tense

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Irregular verbs

The past tense of irregular verbs is formed in different ways. Read the lists of irregular verbs below, then draw a line joining each verb to its correct tense. Write the other tense next to it, using your dictionary if you need help.

<u>saw</u>	see	present	sat	_____
<u>sleep</u>	slept		ate	_____
_____	buy		find	_____
_____	catch		ran	_____
_____	went		fly	_____
_____	woke	past	took	_____
_____	have		brought	_____

Past tense proofread

Read the passage below in which irregular verbs have been given the wrong past tense. Write the correct form for each one next to it.

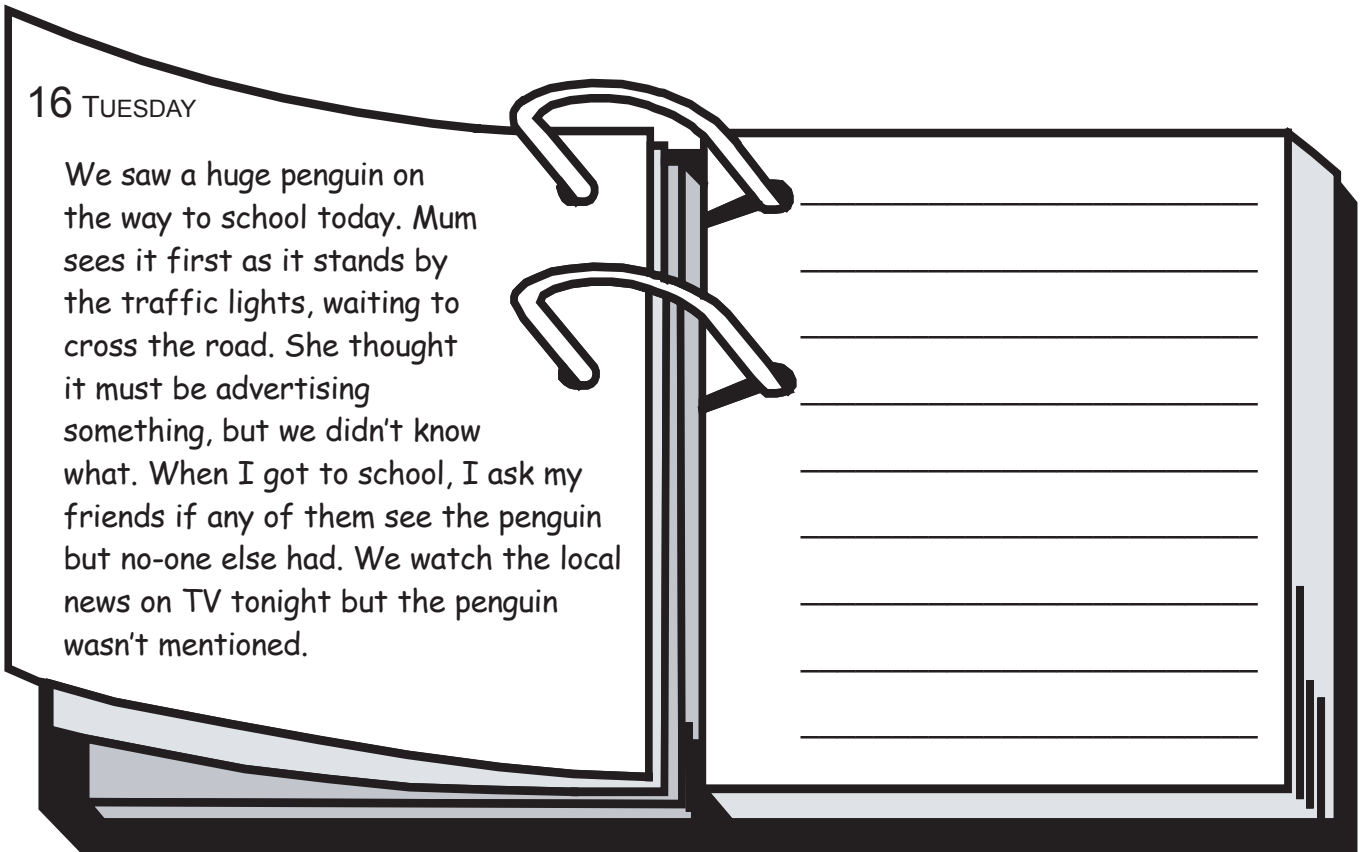
One evening, Ben maked made the decision to run away. He putted _____ all his things in his rucksack. He sayed _____ goodbye to his hamster, Toffee. Then he goed _____ quietly downstairs and slided _____ out of the house. As he runned _____ down the front path, he thinked _____ of all the things he would miss at home. But just as he getted _____ to the gate, his dad drived _____ up. He seed _____ Ben as he getted _____ out of his car. 'Hi, Ben, I'm home early tonight,' he sayed _____. 'How about a game of football?'

Tense 3: Using tenses

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Diary writing

Read the following diary entry in which the text slips into the present tense. Underline the verbs in the present tense. Now rewrite the diary entry with the verbs in the past tense.



Report writing

Read the short passage below. Can you see what is wrong with it? Rewrite the passage so that it makes sense.

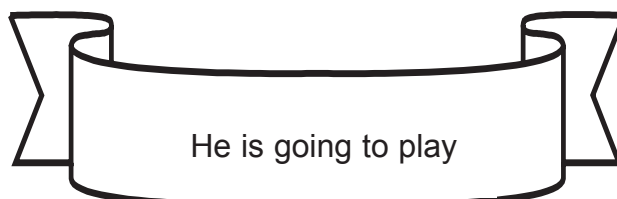
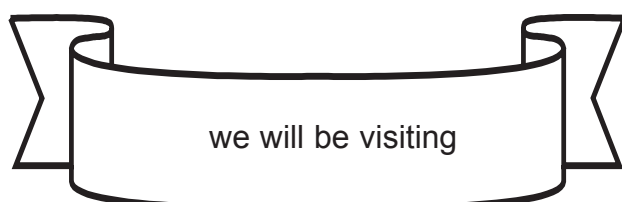
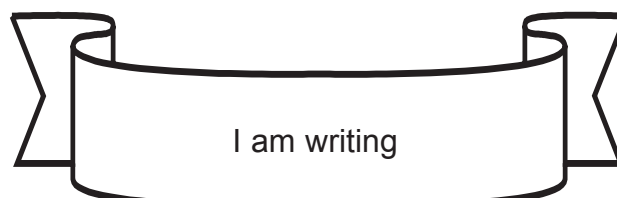
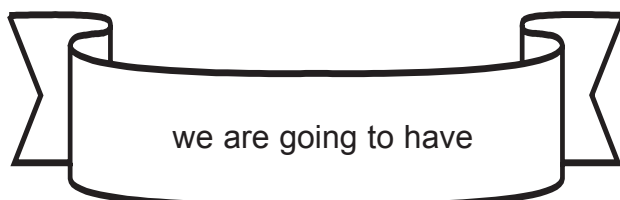
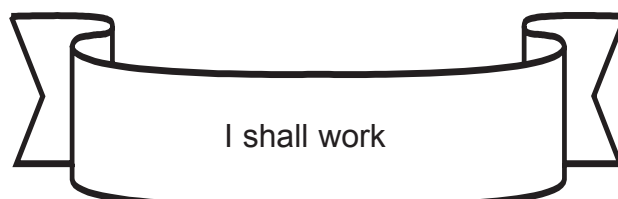
Robins were small, plump birds with red breasts. They were common in parks and gardens throughout Britain. They usually nested in hedges, but sometimes used odd places such as garden sheds. They fed mainly on insects, but also ate berries and worms.

Tense 4: Future tense

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In the future

The banners show different ways of expressing things in the future tense. Use them to complete the sentences below.



1. When it's nearer the exams, _____ harder.
2. _____ the piano in the school concert.
3. In the summer, _____ Cornwall.
4. When it gets warmer, _____ a barbeque.
5. _____ a long letter to my aunt.
6. If you want to borrow my calculator, _____ it to you tomorrow.

Now make up three of your own sentences using the future tense.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Tense 5: All the tenses

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What happens when?

Using the words in the clouds, rewrite the following sentence in different ways.

The boy runs along the beach.

A year ago...

Next year...

Yesterday...

In a few hours...

Today...

Tomorrow...

Last week...

1. In a few hours, it will be high tide and the boy will not be able
to run along the beach.
2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

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