



# VERB TENSES



Verb tenses tell us when things happen.

Events can happen in the

Past

Present

Future



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## Present

*I play* (simple)

*I am playing* (continuous)

(continuous)

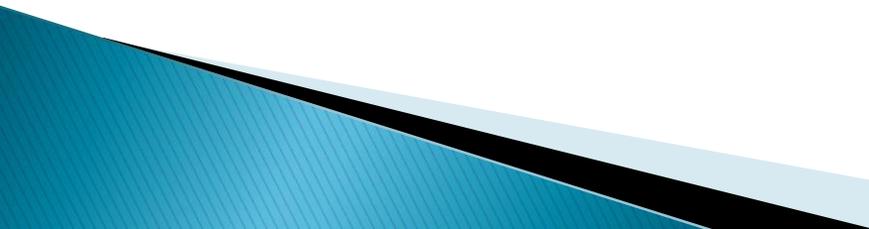
## Past

*I played* (simple)

*I was playing*

**THE  
WONDERFUL  
'WAS'**

**THE WORD 'WAS'  
WILL CHANGE  
A PRESENT TENSE  
VERB INTO A PAST  
TENSE SENTENCE!!**



**I WAS RUNNING  
(AWAY FROM YEAR 6).  
LUCY WAS DANCING.  
JOSEPH WAS PLAYING  
FOOTBALL.**





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If have is used the verbs are perfect

## Present perfect

*I have played* (simple)

*I have been playing* (continuous)

## Past perfect

*I had played* (simple)

*I had been playing*  
(continuous)



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## Future

Further time can be expressed in a number of ways using *will* or present tenses

*John will arrive tomorrow.*

*John will be arriving tomorrow.*

*John is going to arrive tomorrow.*

*John is arriving tomorrow.*

*John arrives tomorrow.*

# The Past

This is when an event has already happened.



I walked across to buy some sweets from the shop.

I shouted to my brother in the playground.

I ran down the lane with the dog.

# The Present

This is when an event is actually happening.



I am walking across to buy some sweets from the shop.

I am shouting to my brother in the playground.

I am running down the lane with the dog.

# The Future

This is when an event has not taken place yet.



I will walk across to buy some sweets from the shop.

I will shout to my brother in the playground.

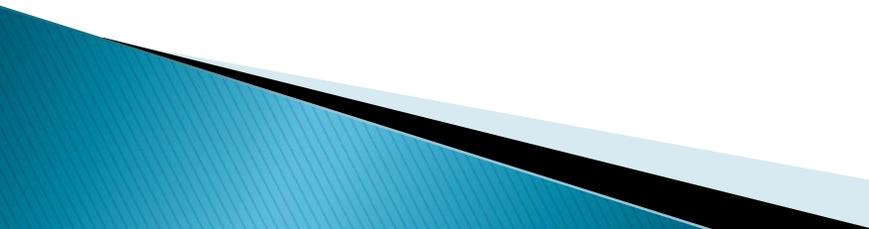
I will run down the lane with the dog.

Look at each of these sentences and decide what tense it has been written in.

We went for a walk. *past*

George will rush into school today. *Future*

City beat United 6-0 last week. *past*



Lucy will be driving me to school today.

*Future*

I am smelling my supper cooking in the kitchen.

*Present*

Shelley will be coming for lunch on Sunday.

*Future*

Can you make the following sentences into the past, the present and the future tense?

I like going to Manchester with my Mum.

I like going to Manchester with my Mum.

PRESENT

I liked going to Manchester with my Mum.

PAST

I will like going to Manchester with my Mum. FUTURE



I will laugh at the clown in the circus.

I am laughing at the clown in the circus.

PRESENT

I laughed at the clown in the circus.

PAST

I will laugh at the clown in the circus.

FUTURE

I swam in the pool on Wednesday.

I am swimming in the pool on Wednesday.

PRESENT

I swam in the pool on Wednesday.

PAST

I will swim in the pool on Wednesday.

FUTURE

