



CLASS 4 ENGLISH · 2026-27

# Past, present and future

Tenses

41

QUESTIONS

20

MINUTES

4

EXERCISES

This belongs to \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## WHAT YOU'LL GET GOOD AT

- Changes a regular verb into past, present and future correctly
- Uses the common irregular past forms without applying -ed
- Keeps one tense across a whole paragraph instead of drifting

Take your time, and have a go at every one. If you get stuck, look at the orange box — Ollie has already done one for you.

# Past, present and future

Tenses · 41 questions · tick each box as you finish

## Exercise 1 of 4 · 12 questions Write the past tense of each verb.



WRITE THE ANSWER

### HERE'S ONE DONE FOR YOU

walk -> walked. Most verbs just take -ed. Two of these change slightly first: carry becomes carried because the y turns to i, and stop becomes stopped with the p doubled. Those two spellings are the whole difficulty in this exercise.

1) walk

2) jump

3) clean

4) watch

5) carry

6) stop

7) hurry

8) plan

9) reply

10) shout

11) travel

12) dance

**Exercise 2 of 4 · 16 questions** Write the past tense. Careful - none of these take -ed.

WRITE THE ANSWER

**HERE'S ONE DONE FOR YOU**

go -> went. Not 'goed'. A child who writes goed has understood the -ed rule perfectly and applied it to a verb that does not follow it, which is progress rather than a mistake. These simply have to be learned one at a time - four of them here rhyme, which helps: bought, taught, brought, caught.

1) go

2) eat

3) buy

4) teach

5) bring

6) catch

7) think

8) write

9) drink

10) sing

11) swim

12) begin

13) speak

14) break

15) fly

16) leave

**Exercise 3 of 4 · 12 questions** Fill in the correct form of the verb in brackets.

FILL IN THE BLANK

**HERE'S ONE DONE FOR YOU**

Yesterday we \_\_\_\_ (go) to the market. -> went. The word 'yesterday' decides it before you look at the verb at all. Teach your child to find the time word first - yesterday, every morning, tomorrow, last week - because that word chooses the tense.

1) Yesterday we \_\_\_\_ (go) to the market.

2) Every morning she \_\_\_\_ (drink) milk.

3) Tomorrow I \_\_\_\_ (visit) my cousin.

4) Last week they \_\_\_\_ (buy) a new fan.

5) He \_\_\_\_ (write) a letter every Sunday.

6) Next month we \_\_\_\_ (start) a new chapter.

7) Last night it \_\_\_\_ (rain) very heavily.

8) My father \_\_\_\_ (leave) for work at eight every day.

9) Next Sunday they \_\_\_\_ (come) to our house.

10) Two days ago she \_\_\_\_ (break) her pencil.

11) Birds \_\_\_\_ (fly) south every winter.

12) Tomorrow the school \_\_\_\_ (close) early.

**Exercise 4 of 4 · 1 questions** This paragraph keeps changing tense. Rewrite it all in the past.

WRITE THE ANSWER

**HERE'S ONE DONE FOR YOU**

We reach -> We reached. Then keep going: is -> was, sit -> sat, buys -> bought, plays -> played, listen -> listened, comes -> came. Seven verbs. Drifting between tenses inside one paragraph is the single most common Class 4 writing error, and reading the finished version aloud catches it faster than checking each verb.

1) We reach the station early. The train is late, so we sit on a bench. Amma buys tea. A man plays the flute nearby. We listen until the train comes.

**All done? How did that feel?**

Colour in a star. Three stars means you could teach it to someone else.



Tricky · Getting there · Easy now



## Answer key

For grown-ups

Past, present and future · keep this page back until your child has finished.

### 1. Write the past tense of each verb.

- 1) walked
- 2) jumped
- 3) cleaned
- 4) watched
- 5) carried
- 6) stopped
- 7) hurried
- 8) planned
- 9) replied
- 10) shouted
- 11) travelled
- 12) danced

### 2. Write the past tense. Careful - none of these take -ed.

- 1) went
- 2) ate
- 3) bought
- 4) taught
- 5) brought
- 6) caught
- 7) thought
- 8) wrote
- 9) drank
- 10) sang
- 11) swam
- 12) began
- 13) spoke
- 14) broke
- 15) flew
- 16) left

**3. Fill in the correct form of the verb in brackets.**

- 1) went
- 2) drinks
- 3) will visit
- 4) bought
- 5) writes
- 6) will start
- 7) rained
- 8) leaves
- 9) will come
- 10) broke
- 11) fly
- 12) will close

**4. This paragraph keeps changing tense. Rewrite it all in the past.**

- 1) We reached the station early. The train was late, so we sat on a bench. Amma bought tea. A man played the flute nearby. We listened until the train came.

**WHILE YOUR CHILD WORKS**

- If your child writes 'goed' or 'buyed', say the correct form once and move on. It is a sign the rule has been learned, not that it has not.
- The time word - yesterday, tomorrow, every day - decides the tense. Teaching that one habit fixes most of the fill-in-the-blank errors.
- For the last exercise, have your child read their rewrite aloud. Tense drift is heard long before it is seen.

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