



CLASS 6 ENGLISH · 2026-27

Tenses and subject-verb agreement

Grammar

25

QUESTIONS

20

MINUTES

3

EXERCISES

This belongs to _____ Date _____

WHAT YOU'LL GET GOOD AT

- Uses simple, continuous and perfect forms correctly
- Makes the verb agree with the subject even when words come between them
- Keeps one tense through a paragraph

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.

Tenses and subject-verb agreement

Grammar · 25 questions · tick each box as you finish

Exercise 1 of 3 · 12 questions Fill in the correct form of the verb in brackets.



FILL IN THE BLANK

HERE'S ONE DONE FOR YOU

She ____ (write) a letter when the phone rang. -> was writing. Two things happened: one was going on, the other interrupted it. The one going on takes the continuous form. Look for the time clue in every sentence - when, since, by the time, every Sunday - because it chooses the tense before you think about the verb at all.

1) She ____ (write) a letter when the phone rang.

2) They ____ (finish) their homework before dinner yesterday.

3) I ____ (live) in Pune since 2019.

4) By the time we arrived, the film ____ (start).

5) Look! The baby ____ (sleep).

6) He ____ (visit) his grandmother every Sunday.

7) We ____ (wait) for an hour before the bus came.

8) She ____ (not finish) her project yet.

9) The train ____ (leave) at six tomorrow morning.

10) While I ____ (read), the lights went out.

11) They ____ (know) each other since childhood.

12) By next June he ____ (complete) five years here.

Exercise 2 of 3 · 12 questions Choose the correct verb.

FILL IN THE BLANK

HERE'S ONE DONE FOR YOU

The box of books ____ heavy. -> is. The subject is 'the box', not 'books' - the phrase 'of books' sits in between and pulls the ear towards the plural. Cover the middle phrase with a finger and the right answer becomes obvious. This is the single most common agreement error in Class 6.

1) The box of books ____ (is / are) heavy.

2) Neither of the answers ____ (is / are) correct.

3) The team ____ (has / have) won the match.

4) One of my friends ____ (live / lives) in Delhi.

5) The children ____ (was / were) playing outside.

6) Mathematics ____ (is / are) my favourite subject.

7) Each of the students ____ (was / were) given a book.

8) The news ____ (is / are) good.

9) Ten kilometres ____ (is / are) a long way to walk.

10) My scissors ____ (is / are) blunt.

11) Everybody in the class ____ (know / knows) the answer.

12) A pair of shoes ____ (was / were) kept outside.

Exercise 3 of 3 · 1 questions This paragraph drifts between tenses. Rewrite it consistently in the past. ☐

WRITE THE ANSWER

HERE'S ONE DONE FOR YOU

We arrive -> We arrived. Then: is waiting -> was waiting, takes -> took, explains -> explained, take -> took, look -> looked, leave -> left, is -> was. Note that 'were found' was already past and stays as it is - a child changing it too has stopped reading and started applying a rule.

1) We arrive at the museum at ten. The guide is waiting near the entrance and takes us to the first room. She explains how the fossils were found. Some of us take notes while others just look. We leave at one o'clock and everyone is tired but happy.



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

Tenses and subject-verb agreement · keep this page back until your child has finished.

1. Fill in the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- 1) was writing
- 2) had finished
- 3) have lived
- 4) had started
- 5) is sleeping
- 6) visits
- 7) had waited (or had been waiting)
- 8) has not finished
- 9) leaves
- 10) was reading
- 11) have known
- 12) will have completed

2. Choose the correct verb.

- 1) is
- 2) is
- 3) has
- 4) lives
- 5) were
- 6) is
- 7) was
- 8) is
- 9) is
- 10) are
- 11) knows
- 12) was

3. This paragraph drifts between tenses. Rewrite it consistently in the past.

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WHILE YOUR CHILD WORKS

- For agreement, cover the phrase between the subject and the verb with a finger. It fixes most errors instantly and needs no rule.
- Find the time clue first in tense questions - when, since, by the time, every Sunday. It chooses the tense before the verb is even considered.
- In the paragraph, one verb is already correct. A child who changes it has stopped reading and started applying a rule mechanically.

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