

English Activity 1: Muddled tenses

Tense indicates the time that something has, is or will occur. The tense that a sentence is written in is shown through the verbs used.

Past: has already happened

Alice, who **had** long, golden hair, **was sat** at the back of the classroom.

Present: is happening

Alice, who **has** long, golden hair, **is sitting** at the back of the classroom.

Future: Will happen

When she **comes** in, Alice **will be** sitting at the back of the classroom.

Challenge 1: Identify the tense

1. As the winds blows all the leaves fall off the trees.
2. They drove around the car park and looked for a space.
3. When people knock on the door, the dogs bark to let us know someone is there.
4. We will be moving to year 6 in September.
5. People used to brush their teeth with sugar because they thought it made their breath smell nice.

Challenge 2: Select the correct tense to show past tense

1. The policeman is/had looked/looking at the broken door handle to work out how the intruder got in.
2. There was/is a huge bear that lives/lived in a nearby cave.
3. The monkey swung/swings through the trees.
4. To catch its prey, the owl swooped/swoops across the starry sky and caught/catches the mouse in its talons.
5. I can't/couldn't wait to meet up with my family.

Challenge 3: Change the tense into past tense

1. There is a cat that is lying in the sun.
2. Tomorrow, there will be a test for Geography.
3. Sam is catching the train to London.
4. My brother is growing taller than my dad.
5. There are two birds chirping in the trees.