



Verb Tenses



Verb tenses tell us when things happen.

Events can happen in the

Past

Present

Future

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

Remember!

Whenever you are writing you should try to stay in the same tense all the way through.

