



# Mind Your Tenses

To identify past and present tenses and use them correctly in my writing.



Read through the examples then **circle** the sentences with coloured pencils to correctly identify the **verb tenses**.

Hint! Is anything in progress? If so, the verb must be progressive!

**Red** = **Past tense** e.g. The ship sailed away.

**Orange** = **Past Progressive Tense** e.g. The ship was sailing away.

**Green** = **Present tense** e.g. The ship sails away.

**Blue** = **Present Progressive Tense** e.g. The ship is sailing away.

I was playing cards.

They sing loudly.

I like football.

I am working hard.

I lost my wallet.

She was writing a letter.

I was building a model.

I think it is good.

I fell over.

The team are winning.

I walk quickly.

They are fishing.



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I played	I was playing	I play	I am playing
I shouted		I shout	
	I was lying	I lie	
		I smile	I am smiling
I asked			
	I was deciding		

**Circle** the sentences below with coloured pencils to correctly identify the **verb tenses**.

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**Red** = Past tense   **Orange** = Past Progressive Tense

**Green** = Present tense   **Blue** = Present Progressive Tense

I was sleeping when the phone rang.

She was drinking lots of water.

I look good in green.

I smile when I am happy.

They are working together.

She lives in a big house.

They stopped walking.

It rained all day.



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Present Tense	Present Progressive Tense	Past Tense	Past Progressive Tense
I walk to school.	I am walking to school.	I walked to school.	I was walking to school
I catch butterflies in a net.			
They sing very loudly.			
She drives too fast.			

**Change this passage from the past progressive tense to the present progressive tense.**

We were standing in the rain waiting for a bus. When we saw it was coming round the corner we were pushing to be the first one on.

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**Change this passage from the present progressive tense to the past progressive tense.**

I am hoping for some help. We are trying to rescue some stray dogs but they are running away from us.

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<p>I fell over.</p> <p>I lost my wallet.</p>	<p>I was building a model.</p> <p>She was writing a letter.</p> <p>I was playing cards.</p>	<p>They sing loudly.</p> <p>I think it is good.</p> <p>I like football.</p> <p>I walk quickly.</p>	<p>I am working hard.</p> <p>They are fishing.</p> <p>I am still trying.</p> <p>The team are winning.</p>

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I played	I was playing	I play	I am playing
I shouted	<i>I was shouting</i>	I shout	<i>I am shouting</i>
<i>I lied</i>	I was lying	I lie	<i>I am lying</i>
<i>I smiled</i>	<i>I was smiling</i>	I smile	I am smiling
I asked	<i>I was asking</i>	<i>I ask</i>	<i>I am asking</i>
<i>I decided</i>	I was deciding	<i>I decide</i>	<i>I am deciding</i>

<b>Past Tense</b>	<b>Past Progressive Tense</b>	<b>Present Tense</b>	<b>Present Progressive Tense</b>
<p>They stopped walking.</p> <p>It rained all day.</p>	<p>I was sleeping when the phone rang.</p> <p>She was drinking lots of water.</p>	<p>I smile when I am happy.</p> <p>I look good in green.</p> <p>She lives in a big house.</p>	<p>They are working together.</p>



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I catch butterflies in a net.	<i>I am catching butterflies in a net.</i>	<i>I caught butterflies in a net.</i>	<i>I was catching butterflies in a net.</i>
They sing very loudly.	<i>They are singing very loudly.</i>	<i>They sang very loudly.</i>	<i>They were singing very loudly.</i>
She drives too fast.	<i>She is driving too fast.</i>	<i>She drove too fast.</i>	<i>She was driving too fast.</i>

**Change this passage from the past progressive tense to the present progressive tense.**

We were standing in the rain waiting for a bus. When we saw it was coming round the corner we were pushing to be the first one on.

*We are standing in the rain waiting for a bus. When we see it is coming round the corner we are pushing to be the first one on.*

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*I was hoping for some help. We were trying to rescue some stray dogs but they were running away from us.*