

Change the Tense

To use past and present tenses correctly in my writing.



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played	play
talked	
	swim
saw	
drank	

2. Change these sentences so that they are written in the simple past tense.
The first one has been done for you.

- John watches the football on TV.
John **watched** football on TV.
- He walks to school.
He _____ to school.
- Layla paddles in the sea.
Layla _____ in the sea.
- Uri cooks for all the family.
Uri _____ for all the family.

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played	play
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<i>swam</i>	swim
saw	<i>see</i>
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2. b. He ***walked*** to school.

c. Layla ***paddled*** in the sea.

d. Uri ***cooked*** for all the family.

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knew	

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a. John watches the football on TV.

John **watched** football on TV.

b. He jogs to school.

He _____ to school.

c. Layla paddles in the sea.

Layla _____ in the sea.

d. I sing loudly in assembly.

I _____ loudly in assembly.

3. Change these sentences so that they are written in the simple present tense. The first one has been done for you.

a. Anna finished her dinner slowly.

Anna **finishes** her dinner slowly.

b. I tidied my bedroom.

I _____ my bedroom.

c. She hugged her little brother.

She _____ her little brother.

d. Hari wrote to his grandparents.

Hari _____ to his grandparents.

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knew	know

2. b. He **jogged** to school.
c. Layla **paddled** in the sea.
d. I **sang** loudly in assembly.
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a. John watches the football on TV.
John **watched** football on TV.

b. He sits quietly on the chair.

He _____ quietly on the chair.

c. She smiles warmly at her classmates.

She _____ warmly at her classmates.

d. Sofia throws the javelin with great skill.

Sofia _____ the javelin with great skill.

3. Change these sentences so that they are written in the simple present tense. The first one has been done for you.

a. Anna finished her dinner slowly.

Anna **finishes** her dinner slowly.

b. Oliver carried the heaviest bags.

Oliver _____ the heaviest bags.

c. She swapped her stickers for conkers.

She _____ her stickers for conkers.

d. The family travelled to Scotland for winter.

The family _____ to Scotland for winter.

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2. b. He **sat** quietly on the chair.

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d. Sofia **threw** the javelin with great skill.

3. b. Oliver **carries** the heaviest bags.

c. She **swaps** her stickers for conkers.

d. The family **travels** to Scotland for winter.