



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		

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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.

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.

Forming the Progressive Tense

Answers

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

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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>

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They stopped walking. It rained all day.	I was sleeping when the phone rang. She was drinking lots of water.	I smile when I am happy. I look good in green. She lives in a big house.	They are working together.



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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.

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

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