

Present Tense and Past Tense

Colour the box **green** if the sentence is in the **present tense** and **purple** if the sentence is in the **past tense**. (Which ones are happening **now**, and which ones **have already happened**?)

My cat is climbing up the curtains.	My dad hops up on the table and falls off again.	George was wearing his magic socks.
My friend sent me a birthday card.	I watch in horror as the pie flies through the air and plops into his lap.	We heard a woodpecker in the garden.
You were being really, really silly!	The monster chewed up his bed, burped, then spat it out in tiny pieces.	I am swinging through the trees.

Change the verbs from **past tense** to **present tense**.

1. The rat **nibbles** (is nibbling) my jotter.
2. The sun **shines** (is shining) through the trees.
3. What time **is** Joe's birthday party?
4. Something weird **happens** (is happening) to me every day.
5. "I don't think that **is** my best move," **whimpers** the monster.
6. Suddenly a furious-looking monkey **leaps** (is leaping) out of his schoolbag.

The verbs that are underlined are in the **present tense**, but they should be in the **past tense**. Rewrite the text, changing the underlined verbs to **past tense**.

Tiffany **lay** on her stomach by the river, tickling trout. She **liked** to hear them laugh. It **came** up in bubbles. A little way away, where the river bank **became** a sort of pebble beach, her brother Wentworth **was** messing around with a stick, and almost certainly making himself sticky. Anything **made** Wentworth sticky. But he **was** an easy child to look after, if you **stopped** him eating frogs.

