

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, then burped and spat it out.	I am swinging through the trees.

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

1. The rat was nibbling my jotter.
2. The sun shone through the trees.
3. What time was Joe's birthday party?
4. Something weird happened to me every day.
5. "I don't think that was my best move," whimpered the monster.
6. Suddenly a furious-looking monkey leapt 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 is lying on her stomach by the river, tickling trout. She likes to hear them laugh. It comes up in bubbles. A little way away, where the river bank becomes a sort of pebble beach, her brother Wentworth is messing around with a stick, and almost certainly making himself sticky. Anything makes Wentworth sticky. But he is an easy child to look after, if you stop him eating frogs.