

UNIT
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Verb Tenses (past and present)

The owl **is flying** through the wood.

Sometimes **verbs** are written in the **present tense**. They tell us what is happening **now**.



Last night the owl **flew** through the wood.

Sometimes **verbs** are written in the **past tense**. They tell us what happened **some time ago**.

Practice

- Copy these sentences. The verbs are all in the present tense. Underline each verb. The first one has been done for you.
 - Ben is washing his face. Yesterday Ben washed his face.
 - Ben is reading a book.
 - Ben is watching television.
 - Ben is climbing a tree.
 - Ben is painting a picture.
 - Ben is kicking a ball.
- Now write each sentence again in the past tense. The first one has been done for you.

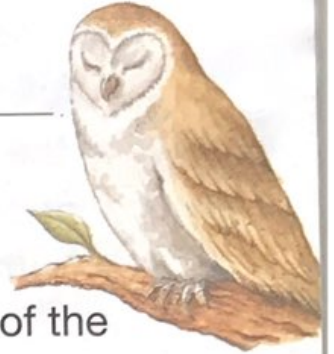


Making sure

1. Copy this passage about owls. Fill each space with one of the verbs in the box. The verbs are all in the present tense.

hunt	have	sleep	eat	fly
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Owls _____ during the day. At night they _____ through the woods and _____ for food. Owls _____ sharp eyes. They _____ small animals like mice.



2. Now copy this passage. Fill each space with one of the verbs in the box. The verbs are all in the past tense.

looked	dived	sat	flapped	ran	heard
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Olly the owl _____ on the branch of the tree. Slowly he _____ all around. Suddenly he _____ a noise. A mouse _____ through the grass below. Olly _____ his wings and _____ towards the mouse.

Practise your punctuation

1. The words in these sentences have no spaces between them. Write the sentences again, leaving spaces between the words.

- a) Theboyjumpedup. b) YesterdaySamwalkedtoschool.
c) Iameatingmydinner. d) Somechildrenareshouting.

2. Now underline all the verbs which are in the present tense. Circle all the verbs which are in the past tense.