

Verb Tenses

Verb tenses are the endings we put on our action words to show when something has happened. In this booklet, we will talk about present tense (things that are happening now) and past tense (things that have already happened):

<i>Present Tense</i>	'-ing' words e.g. running <u>ing</u> , jumping <u>ing</u> , singing <u>ing</u>
<i>Past Tense</i>	Regular past tense '-ed' words e.g. jump <u>ed</u> Irregular past tense words e.g. <u>ran</u> , <u>sang</u>

Activity One: Verb Sorting

1. Cut out the word cards on pages 3 and 4
2. Sort the words into present tense (happening now) or past tense (already happened). You may need to read the words aloud to the child.
3. For an extra challenge, try using the word in a sentence using these sentence starters:
 - Present Tense: Today I/we/he/she/the dog...
 - Past Tense: Yesterday I/we/he/she/the cat...

Verb Sorting Activity

When did it happen? Cut out the verbs on the other pages. Match the pairs of past and present tense of each verb on this page.

Past	Present



spoke

kick

gave

sing

hug

walk

ate

kissed

jump

go

growl

yelled

slept

smell

give

buy

looked

sang

grabbed

got

jumped

kicked

kiss

speak

hugged

walked

sleep

went

grab

eat

growled

look

bought

smelled

yell

get

Activity 2: Verb Tense Cards

1. Cut out the picture cards on pages 6 to 13.
2. You can play several different games with these cards to match the present tense verb with the past tense verb:
 - Memory: Place the cards face down and take turns to turn two over at a time, searching for the matching pairs. You can start with 4 word pairs (8 cards in total) and increase
 - Snap: Shuffle the cards and split the deck in two. Take turns to place a card down. Use the word you placed down in a sentence. You can 'snap!' when you spot a past-present word pair
 - Go Fish: Shuffle the deck. Give each player 5 cards then place the remaining face-down in a pile between the players. Take turns to ask a specific person if they have the present/past tense version of your card. For example, if Jess has the card 'swam' she could say, 'Tom, do you have 'swim'?' Keep playing until all cards have been taken. The player with the most pairs wins!



see



saw



swim



swam



drink



drank



sit



sat



write



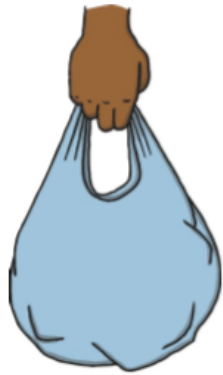
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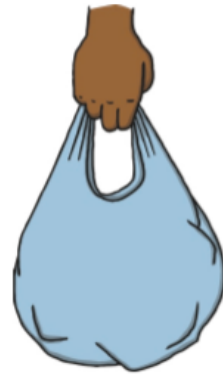
eat



ate



buy



bought



catch



caught



fly



flew



fall



fell



run



ran



sleep



slept



hear



heard



feed



fed



find



found



freeze



froze



give



gave



grow



grew



hold



held



ride



rode



shake



shook



drive



drove



hide



hid



read



read

Activity 3: Verb Tense Boardgame

1. You will need your own dice and counters for this game
2. Take turns to roll the die and move the required spaces. When you land on a square, change the verb from present tense to past tense and use the new word in a sentence.
3. The player who finishes first wins!

