

Learning about Verb Tenses

Simple Present and Simple Past



Present Tense: The verb shows action that **happens** regularly.

*Ex: Every morning, Annie **eats** an apple.*

Past Tense: The verb shows action that **happened**.

*Ex: Yesterday, Annie **watched** TV.*

Simple Present Form	Simple Past Form
<p>VERB + s/es in third person;</p> <p>Ex: I eat an apple. You eat an apple. She eats an apple. He eats an apple. Annie eats an apple. We eat an apple. They eat an apple.</p> <p>Ex: I watch TV. You watch TV. She watches TV. He watches TV. Annie watches TV. We watch TV. They watch TV.</p>	<p>(VERB + ed) or irregular verb*</p> <p>Ex: I ate* an apple. You ate* an apple. She ate* an apple. He ate* an apple. Annie ate* an apple. We ate* an apple. They ate* an apple.</p> <p>Ex: I watched TV. You watched TV. She watched TV. He watched TV. Annie watched TV. We watched TV. They watched TV.</p> <p>* The simple past form ends in -ed for regular verbs. Most verbs are regular, but many common verbs have irregular past forms. See the reference list of irregular verbs.</p>

EXERCISE 1

Read each of the following sentences and write present or past on the line.

1. Samuel listened to music. _____
2. Émélie likes sports. _____
3. Clovis rides horses. _____
4. Rébecca drew with many pencils. _____
5. Carl catches the ball. _____
6. Fabien understands English very well. _____
7. Sandy wears glasses. _____
8. Sarah sang a song. _____
9. Jérôme worked as a farmer. _____
10. Ève has many kittens. _____
11. Stéphane jumped in the air. _____
12. David asked me questions. _____
13. Alexis studied very hard. _____
14. Guylaine teaches very well. _____
15. Annie wrote on the black board. _____

EXERCISE 2

Read each of the following sentences. Rewrite them in the **past tense** form.

1- Mélissa reads a novel.

2- Virginie writes a letter.

3- Émile plays soccer with his friends.

4- Myriam drinks juice.

5- Véronique goes to school.

6- Jennifer feeds her dog.

7- Alexandra speaks English.

8- Emmy lives with her parents.

9- Natacha gives homework to do.

10- Annie is a young teacher.

EXERCISE 3

Write a sentence using an action verb in the correct tense.

1- (Simple Past; use a **regular verb**)

2- (Simple Present; write a sentence using **She** or **He**)

3- (Simple Past; use an **irregular verb**)

4- (Simple Present; write a sentence using a **proper noun**)
