



GRAMMAR

PRESENT, PAST and FUTURE TENSES

NOTES



The **tense** of a verb shows the time of the action, or when something happens. For example: **past tense**, **present tense** or **future tense**.

PAST TENSE:

Verbs in the **past tense** show action that has already happened.

TIP: Most of these verbs end in **ed**.

Example: Jermaine washed the dog yesterday.



PRESENT TENSE:

Verbs in the **present tense** show action that happens now.

TIP: Most present tense singular verbs end with **s** or **es**. Most present tense singular verbs **do not** end with **s** or **es**.

Example: Jermaine washes the dog, while his friends play catch.

Present tense singular verb

Present tense plural verb

FUTURE TENSE:

Verbs in the **future tense** show action that will happen.

TIP: Add **will** or **shall** to most verbs to show the future tense.

Example: Jermaine will wash the dog.



TIP: Irregular verbs change spelling to form past tense.

Example: fly/ flew; eat/ate; write/wrote; tell/told, meet/met, etc.

TENSE TABLE

PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
Mom worked	She works	She will work
The girls danced	They dance	We will dance
I received	We receive	We shall receive
You called	He calls	They will call
The girl sang	The choirs sing	The men will sing
Jade traveled	Jade and Tiara travel	You will travel