

GRAMMAR AS DISTANCE

The same tense can have multiple meanings

Look at the following sentences. Identify the tense of the underlined verb. What is the time reference?

- a). Ih Hobart opens in December 2022.
- b). Headline of a teaching magazine: "Adam retires at 79".
- c). I was wondering if you could help me explain this grammar.
- d). If only I had \$ 1 million dollars,...
- e). Yuli is always complaining about the lessons!!
- f). The teacher is meeting the students tomorrow.
- g). The teacher walks into the classroom, and he says to the students "Ok everyone, test day today!"
- h). When you become a DoS one day, please employ Yuli!
- i). S. Thornbury writes in a recent article in *The Teachers' Stories* that.....
- j). Sorry, what was your teacher's name again?
- k). If you didn't pass this grammar course, what would you do?
- l). He's like "Oh the students ...", and he goes "How on earth ...?", and he tells me, "I will never ever!", bla bla bla bla...
- m). Now teachers, it's time you learnt some grammar!!
- n). When you have become the expert, teach me more! I want to be your student!