

# Present, Past, and Future Tenses

The **tense** of a verb tells the time of the action or being.

**Present tense** tells that something is happening now.

Examples:

Dena *laughs* at the jokes.

Jon *walks* home.

**Past tense** tells that something happened in the past. The action is over.

Examples:

Dena *laughed* at the jokes.

Jon *walked* home.

**Future tense** tells that something will happen in the future. Use *will* with the verb.

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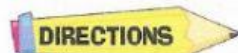
Dena *will laugh* at the jokes.

Jon *will walk* home.



**DIRECTIONS** Write the verb from each sentence and label it *present, past, or future*.

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| 1. Marlene works in her garden every day.<br>_____              | 7. She pulls weeds every day.<br>_____                  |
| 2. Yesterday she prepared the ground for the tomatoes.<br>_____ | 8. The garden will soon be full of vegetables.<br>_____ |
| 3. Tomorrow she will set the plants in the ground.<br>_____     | 9. Teddy's team will bat first.<br>_____                |
| 4. She planted carrots last week.<br>_____                      | 10. The visiting team always bats first.<br>_____       |
| 5. Leaves will appear in a few days.<br>_____                   | 11. In the last game, she played first base.<br>_____   |
| 6. Marlene will pick radishes tomorrow.<br>_____                | 12. Sometimes a player changes positions.<br>_____      |
|                                                                 | 13. The coach gives everyone a chance to play.<br>_____ |



**DIRECTIONS** Write a sentence with each verb, using the tense in parentheses.

14. water (present) \_\_\_\_\_
15. dig (future) \_\_\_\_\_
16. grow (future) \_\_\_\_\_
17. help (past) \_\_\_\_\_