

Language Art

Choosing the Correct Tense



Name the verb in each sentence. Tell whether it is in the present, the past, or the future tense.

Example: The cave looked dark. **Looked, past tense**

1. Carrie shined a flashlight into the cave.
2. The flashlight revealed bats on the ceiling.
3. The bats clung to the rocks.
4. We watch the bats silently.
5. I hear a stream in the distance.
6. Crystalized rock gleams in the light.
7. The kids climbed the cave's pillars.
8. Tomorrow we will climb to another part of the cave.
9. I will remember to take my binoculars.
10. The bright weather will help our attitude.

Read each sentence carefully. Write present, past, or future to show the tense of the underlined verb.

11. Explorers discover new places.
12. Christopher Columbus made his first voyage.
13. Edmund Hillary climbed Mount Everest in 1953.

14. Today scientists search for ways to live in outer space.

15. Maybe someday people will find life on other planets.



Read each sentence carefully. Write the correct tense of the verb in bracket.

16. Next week, our class (explore) a cave.

17. Mrs. Adams (say) the trip will be an adventure.

18. Yesterday we (watch) a video about caves.

19. Tomorrow we (read) about cave safety.

20. Every day our class (learn) new things about caves and explorers.

