

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.

Examples:

Dena *will laugh* at the jokes. Jon *will walk* home.



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

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



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

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