

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:

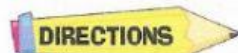
Dena *will laugh* at the jokes.

Jon *will walk* home.



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

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