The verb in a sentence shows the **tense**. The tense shows when the action takes place.

The **present** **tense** is used to describe something that is happening now. It is usually shown by not having a suffix at the end of the verb or by adding an **–s.**

The bird **pecks** the apple. She **is** team captain.

The **past** **tense** is used to describe something happened earlier. It is usually shown by adding the **–ed** suffix.

The bird **pecked** the apple. Mum **climbed** the ladder.

Are the sentences written in the **past** or the **present tense**?

The children enjoyed themselves.

The children are happy.

The radio plays in the kitchen.

Dad climbs the stairs.

We played Monopoly in the living room.

The family enjoyed the film.

Write a sentence about a dog in the **past tense**.

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Write a sentence about a plane in the **past tense**.

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Write a sentence about a cat in the **present tense**.

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Write a sentence about a car in the **present tense**.

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**WATCH OUT!**

To make the **past tense**, you add **–ed** to most **verbs**, but not all!

Here are some **verb**s which **change completely** in the **past tense.**

is was

go went

think thought