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The **tense** of a verb tells when—past, present, or future—an action takes place or a state of being happens. A **present tense** verb describes an action or state of being that is happening right now or happens regularly.

Examples Jeremy walks to the park. (The action is happening now.)

I walk to the store every weekend. (The phrase *every weekend* indicates that the action happens regularly.)

A **past tense** verb describes an action or state of being that happened in the past. Regular verbs form the past tense by adding *-d* or *-ed*. Irregular verbs form the past tense in other ways.

Example Yesterday, I walked to the store and bought groceries. (The word *Yesterday* indicates that the actions happened in the past.)

A **future tense** verb describes an action or state of being that will happen some time in the future. The future is formed by putting the word *will* in front of the verb.

Example Tomorrow, I will walk to the store. (The word *Tomorrow* indicates that the action will happen in the future.)

Here are some examples of verb tenses.

Simple Present Tense	Simple Past Tense	Simple Future Tense
am / is / are	was / were	will be
hurry / hurries	hurried	will hurry
carry / carries	carried	will carry
leave / leaves	left	will leave
eat / eats	ate	will eat
put / puts	put	will put

Test Example

1. Which sentence uses the correct verb tense?
 - A. Keli calls her mother every day.
 - B. Yesterday I call Sam.
 - C. I call the store tomorrow morning.
 - D. Next week, I called Uncle Nick, too.

A. *Calls* is the present tense form of the verb. The present tense is used for actions that happen regularly.

Strategy

To determine verb tense, ask yourself, *Does the action take place in the past, present, or future?* Look for clue words that signal time, such as *yesterday, now, or tomorrow*.

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Practice

1 Which sentence uses the correct verb tense?

- A. I type that report a year ago.
- B. Now I type much faster.
- C. Tomorrow I type another report.
- D. I will typed your report then, too.

2 Which sentence uses the correct verb tense?

- A. Brian was sick yesterday.
- B. He was better now.
- C. Sue is sick yesterday, too.
- D. Sue was better tomorrow.

Use the passage for questions 3 through 8.

It is almost summer. Every year, my friends and I [3] _____ our vacation together. We met last week, and we [4] _____ to everyone's ideas. We will put the name of the place we want to go on a sheet of paper. Tomorrow, everyone [5] _____ his or her paper in a hat. Then one of us will pick one paper from the hat. The paper will name where we will go on vacation. Last year, we [6] _____ my roommate's paper. Then we visited the bay and sailed on the quiet waters. It [7] _____ fun, but it was hot. Maybe this summer, we [8] _____ someplace cooler.

3 Which verb correctly fills in the blank?

- A. will planned
- B. planned
- C. will plan
- D. plan

4 Which verb correctly fills in the blank?

- A. will listened
- B. listened
- C. will listen
- D. listen

5 Which verb correctly fills in the blank?

- A. place
- B. will placed
- C. will place
- D. placed

6 Which verb correctly fills in the blank?

- A. picked
- B. will pick
- C. shall pick
- D. Correct as it is

7 Which verb correctly fills in the blank?

- A. was
- B. will was
- C. will be
- D. is

8 Which verb correctly fills in the blank?

- A. will visited
- B. visited
- C. will visit
- D. visit

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Use the passage for questions 1 through 5.

Earlier today, our team leader [1] _____ us together for a meeting. She had great news for us. The owners of the company [2] _____ last month and made an important decision. Next month, our store [3] _____. Soon, our location [4] _____ ten new people. During the meeting, I [5] _____ about opportunities to become a trainer.

1 Which verb correctly fills in the blank?

- A. call
- B. called
- C. will call
- D. will called

2 Which verb correctly fills in the blank?

- A. meet
- B. will meet
- C. meeted
- D. met

3 Which verb correctly fills in the blank?

- A. will expanded
- B. expand
- C. will expand
- D. expanded

4 Which verb correctly fills in the blank?

- A. will hire
- B. will hired
- C. hired
- D. hire

5 Which verb correctly fills in the blank?

- A. ask
- B. will ask
- C. will asked
- D. asked

6 Which sentence uses the correct verb tense?

- A. I exercise at the gym almost every day.
- B. Yesterday, I did not goes to the gym.
- C. Tomorrow, I went with my sister.
- D. She will exercised with me from now on.

7 Which sentence uses the correct verb tense?

- A. The rent was due next Tuesday.
- B. The landlord reminded me last week.
- C. I always pays on time.
- D. I will am a good renter.

8 Which sentence uses the correct verb tense?

- A. My coworker Julio is now my friend.
- B. We eated lunch together every day.
- C. He send me an email earlier today.
- D. I will worked with him on the new project.

9 Which sentence uses the correct verb tense?

- A. The bus is late last night.
- B. Many people rode the bus now.
- C. Yesterday, my bus pass expired.
- D. The bus driver always will smiled at me.

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Use the passage for questions 10 through 13.

Yesterday, I [10] _____ an appointment with Dr. Kim. I [11] _____ my symptoms. The doctor [12] _____ me a prescription. If I do not feel better next week, I [13] _____ back for a follow-up visit.

- 10** Which verb correctly fills in the blank?
- A. have
 - B. haved
 - C. will have
 - D. had
- 11** Which verb correctly fills in the blank?
- A. describe
 - B. described
 - C. will describe
 - D. will described
- 12** Which verb correctly fills in the blank?
- A. gave
 - B. gived
 - C. gives
 - D. will give
- 13** Which verb correctly fills in the blank?
- A. go
 - B. will go
 - C. will went
 - D. went
- 14** Which sentence uses the correct verb tense?
- A. Maya will create a menu for her restaurant yesterday.
 - B. She made one of her grandfather's recipes tomorrow.
 - C. Now, she works in a restaurant.
 - D. Last week, she prepares lunch for the customers.
- 15** Which sentence uses the correct verb tense?
- A. Last Friday, I arrived at the office early.
 - B. I was at the office now.
 - C. I complete more paperwork next week.
 - D. I will came in early from now on.
- 16** Which sentence uses the correct verb tense?
- A. I always enjoy animals.
 - B. When I was a child, my family will had a dog.
 - C. Now, I owned a pet.
 - D. I adopted a cat next year.
- 17** Which sentence uses the correct verb tense?
- A. I answer twenty service calls yesterday.
 - B. My customers usually give me a three-star rating.
 - C. For the past three years, a three-star rating will be the highest rating.
 - D. The good reviews helped me earn a raise next month.
- 18** Which sentence uses the correct verb tense?
- A. I took good care of my car now.
 - B. My car has a problem earlier today.
 - C. Earlier today, my car overheated.
 - D. I will never have a problem with my car before.

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1. B. The word *Now* is a clue that the action happens in present time. The sentence needs the present-tense verb *type*.
2. A. *Was* is the past tense of *is*. The word *yesterday* is a clue showing that the action took place in the past.
3. D. *Every year* indicates that the action happens regularly. The sentence needs a present-tense verb: *plan*.
4. B. *Last week* indicates that the action took place in the past. The sentence needs a past-tense verb: *listened*.
5. C. *Tomorrow* indicates that the action takes place in the future. The sentence needs a future-tense verb: *will place*.
6. A. *Last year* indicates that the action took place in the past. The sentence needs a past-tense verb: *picked*.
7. A. The sentence tells about something that happened last year. The sentence needs a past-tense verb: *was*.
8. C. The sentence tells about something that might happen in the future. The sentence needs a future-tense verb: *will visit*.

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1. B. *Earlier today* indicates that the action took place in the past. The sentence needs a past-tense verb: *called*.
2. D. *Last month* indicates that the action happened in the past. The sentence needs a past-tense verb: *met*.
3. C. *Next month* is a clue that the action will happen in the future. The future-tense form of the verb is *will expand*.
4. A. *Soon* is a clue that the action will happen in the future. The sentence needs a future-tense form of the verb: *will hire*.
5. D. The meeting happened in the past, so an action that happened during the meeting would also be in the past. The sentence needs a past-tense verb: *asked*.
6. A. *Every day* indicates that the action happens regularly. The sentence needs a present-tense verb: *exercise*.
7. B. *Last week* indicates that the action happened in the past. The sentence needs a past-tense verb: *reminded*.
8. A. The word *now* is a clue that the action happens in present time. The sentence needs a present-tense verb: *is*.
9. C. *Yesterday* indicates that the action took place in the past. The sentence needs a past-tense verb: *expired*.
10. D. *Yesterday* indicates that the action took place in the past. The sentence needs a past-tense verb: *had*.
11. B. The appointment happened in the past, so an action that happened during the appointment would also be in the past. The sentence needs a past-tense verb: *described*.
12. A. The appointment happened in the past, so an action that happened during the appointment would also be in the past. The sentence needs a past-tense verb: *gave*.
13. B. *Next week* is a clue that the action will happen in the future. The sentence needs a future-tense verb: *will go*.
14. C. The word *now* indicates that the action happens in present time. The sentence needs a present-tense verb: *works*.
15. A. *Last Friday* indicates that the action took place in the past. The sentence needs a past-tense verb: *arrived*.
16. A. *Always* indicates that the action happens regularly. The sentence needs a present-tense verb: *enjoy*.
17. B. *Usually* indicates that the action happens regularly. The sentence needs a present-tense verb: *give*.
18. C. *Earlier today* indicates that the action happened in the past. The sentence needs a past-tense verb: *overheated*.