

Varied Fluency

Step 7: Past Tense

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 2: (2G4.2) [Learn how to use the present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support the recognition and use of the simple past tense. Includes regular verbs.

Expected Questions to support the recognition and use of the simple past and past progressive tense. Includes regular and irregular verbs taken from HFW lists and the Year 3/4 spelling list.

Greater Depth Questions to support the recognition and use of the simple past and past progressive tense. Includes a wider range of irregular verbs.

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Past Tense

1a. Underline the verb in the sentence below.

I played chess with Jake all afternoon.



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Past Tense

1b. Underline the verb in the sentence below.

We watched a movie at the cinema.



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2a. Circle the verbs in the simple past tense.

helped pushed calling

turning chewing joined



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2b. Circle the verbs in the simple past tense.

painted hunting listened

jumped yelled pulling



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3a. Write the past tense form of the base verbs below.

Verb	Simple Past
pack	
clean	
look	
point	



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3b. Write the past tense form of the base verbs below.

Verb	Simple Past
brush	
cook	
walk	
lift	



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4a. True or false?

The sentence below is written in the simple past tense.

Amanda and Seth are talking to Vanessa.



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4b. True or false?

The sentence below is written in the simple past tense.

The teacher opened the classroom door.



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Past Tense

5a. Underline the verbs in the sentence below.

Tom was doing his homework when I went into the garden.



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Past Tense

5b. Underline the verbs in the sentence below.

The children ran to the gates when the bell started ringing.



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6a. Circle the verbs in the simple past tense.

sprinting flew strolled

began hop taking



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6b. Circle the verbs in the simple past tense.

coming knew speak

thought falling took



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7a. Write the past tense form of the base verbs below.

Verb	Simple Past	Past Progressive
whisper		
find		
build		
give		



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7b. Write the past tense form of the base verbs below.

Verb	Simple Past	Past Progressive
sleep		
live		
climb		
hear		



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8a. True or false?

The sentence below is written in the past progressive tense.

When the driver honked his horn, I fell back in surprise.



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8b. True or false?

The sentence below is written in the simple past tense.

When Jess was playing tennis, her mum came to watch.



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Past Tense

9a. Underline the verbs in the sentence below.

On Sunday, Yasmin put on her walking boots when she was hiking up the mountain.



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Past Tense

9b. Underline the verbs in the sentence below.

Ricardo felt unwell while he was preparing lunch, so he gave his sandwich to his sister.



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10a. Circle the verbs in the simple past tense.

taught shot drink

writing losing cut



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10b. Circle the verbs in the simple past tense.

sold swimming tear

froze forbidding read



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11a. Write the past tense form of the base verbs below.

Verb	Simple Past	Past Progressive
choose		
set		
spend		
hang		



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11b. Write the past tense form of the base verbs below.

Verb	Simple Past	Past Progressive
burn		
shut		
swing		
send		



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12a. True or false?

The sentence below is written in the past progressive tense.

While Ben hid in the cupboard, Vicky crept up the stairs as quietly as she could.



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12b. True or false?

The sentence below is written in the simple past tense.

Felicity put on her best dancing shoes when she was leaving for the summer disco.



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Developing

- 1a. played
- 2a. helped, pushed, joined
- 3a. packed, cleaned, looked, pointed
- 4a. False, the sentence is written in the present tense.

Expected

- 5a. was, doing, went
- 6a. strolled, flew, began
- 7a. whispered, was/were whispering; found, was/were finding; built, was/were building; gave, was/were giving
- 8a. False, the sentence is written in the simple past tense.

Greater Depth

- 9a. put, was, hiking
- 10a. taught, shot, cut
- 11a. chose, was/were choosing; set, was/were setting; spent, was/were spending; hung, was/were hanging
- 12a. False, the sentence is written in the simple past tense.

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Developing

- 1b. watched
- 2b. painted, listened, jumped, yelled
- 3b. brushed, cooked, walked, lifted
- 4b. True

Expected

- 5b. ran, started, ringing
- 6b. knew, thought, took
- 7b. slept, was/were sleeping; lived, was/were living; climbed, was/were climbing; heard, was/were hearing
- 8b. False, 'was playing' is the past progressive tense.

Greater Depth

- 9b. felt, was, preparing, gave
- 10b. sold, froze, read
- 11b. burnt, was/were burning; shut, was/were shutting; swung, was/were swinging; sent, was/were sending
- 12b. False, 'was leaving' is the past progressive tense.