Year 5 English: Verb tenses: past, present and future (Easy)

English · Grammar and punctuation
Level: Easy

Student: _____ Date: _____

Instructions
- There are 10 questions. Read each one carefully.
- Write your answers on this paper. Use the space under a question to work it out.
- A grown-up can read a question aloud — that's fine.
- The answers are at the end. Check them together when you have finished.

Questions

1. Which tense is this sentence in? Last week we ate lunch under the tree.

Circle one answer.

○ **A** Present ○ **B** Past ○ **C** Future

2. Circle the time clue that tells when this happens.

Circle one answer.

> Yesterday Leah swam in the creek.

○ **A** Yesterday ○ **B** Leah ○ **C** swam ○ **D** in the creek

3. Choose the verb that fits the gap.

Circle one answer.

> Last week the kids _____ cricket on the oval.

○ **A** play ○ **B** plays ○ **C** played

4. Choose the verb that fits the gap.

Circle one answer.

> Tomorrow my nan will _____ a scarf.

○ **A** knitted ○ **B** knit ○ **C** knits

5. Which sentence is in the future tense?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** Yesterday Leah swam in the creek.

○ **B** Tomorrow Leah will swim in the creek.

○ **C** Every day Leah swims in the creek.

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6. Which sentence is in the present tense?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** Next week the choir will sing in the school hall.

○ **B** Last week the choir sang in the school hall.

○ **C** Each morning the choir sings in the school hall.

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7. Change this to the past tense, so it happened yesterday: 'Today Mia walks to school.'

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8. Change this to the future tense: 'Today Mia walks to school.' Use the clue word Tomorrow.

Tomorrow Mia _____ _____ to school.

Words to use: walk, walked, walks, will

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9. What is the past tense of 'go'?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** goed ○ **B** went ○ **C** go

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10. What is the past tense of 'eat'?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** eat ○ **B** ate ○ **C** eated

Answer key

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1. B — Past
'Last week' and the verb 'ate' show it is the past tense.

2. A — Yesterday
'Yesterday' tells when it happens.

3. C — played
Last week the kids played cricket on the oval. Something that already happened uses the past tense.

4. B — knit
Tomorrow my nan will knit a scarf. After will, the verb stays plain.

5. B — Tomorrow Leah will swim in the creek.
Tomorrow Leah will swim in the creek. It uses the future tense.

6. C — Each morning the choir sings in the school hall.
Each morning the choir sings in the school hall. It uses the present tense.

7. Yesterday Mia walked to school.
Yesterday Mia walked to school. Change the time word and the verb.

8. Tomorrow Mia will walk to school.
Tomorrow Mia will walk to school. The future tense uses will, then the plain verb.

9. B — went
Yesterday we went. 'went' is the past tense of 'go'.

10. B — ate
Yesterday we ate. 'ate' is the past tense of 'eat'.