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

English · Grammar and punctuation
Level: Hard

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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? Ben carried the buckets to the garden.

Circle one answer.

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

2. Which tense is this sentence in? The beach will be crowded.

Circle one answer.

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

3. Change this to the past tense, so it happened yesterday: 'Today Dad chops the onions, fries them and serves dinner.'

4. Choose the verb that fits the gap.

Circle one answer.

Tomorrow the dams will _____ empty.

○ **A** are ○ **B** were ○ **C** be

5. Fix the verb in this future tense sentence: 'Next Friday Dev will kicked the ball over the fence.'

6. Choose the verb that fits the gap.

Circle one answer.

Long ago the wind _____ across the paddock.

○ **A** blow ○ **B** blew ○ **C** blowed

7. Choose the verb that fits the gap.

Circle one answer.

Every day the cows _____ from the trough.

○ **A** drank ○ **B** drinks ○ **C** drink

8. Which form of 'bring' goes after 'will' in the future tense?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** brings ○ **B** bring ○ **C** brought

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

Circle one answer.

○ **A** teached ○ **B** teach ○ **C** taught

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

Circle one answer.

○ **A** kept ○ **B** keep ○ **C** keeped

Answer key

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1. C — Past

The verb 'carried' shows it is the past tense.

2. C — Future

The verb group 'will be' shows it is the future tense.

3. Yesterday Dad chopped the onions, fried them and served dinner.

Yesterday Dad chopped the onions, fried them and served dinner. Change the time word and all three verbs.

4. C — be

Tomorrow the dams will be empty. After will, use be.

5. Next Friday Dev will kick the ball over the fence.

Next Friday Dev will kick the ball over the fence. After will, the verb stays plain.

6. B — blew

Long ago the wind blew across the paddock. Something that already happened uses the past tense.

7. C — drink

Every day the cows drink from the trough. Something that happens now or all the time uses the present tense, and the verb ending matches the subject.

8. B — bring

After will, the verb stays plain: will bring.

9. C — taught

Yesterday we taught Gran a card game. 'taught' is the past tense of 'teach'.

10. A — kept

Yesterday we kept the puppy inside. 'kept' is the past tense of 'keep'.