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

English · Grammar and punctuation
Level: Medium

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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? Whenever the creek floods, the road closes.

Circle one answer.

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

2. Choose the verb that fits the gap.

Circle one answer.

Every day Jo _____ on the jetty.

○ **A** sat ○ **B** sit ○ **C** sits

3. Choose the verb that fits the gap.

Circle one answer.

Next week Mum will _____ yoga in the hall.

○ **A** taught ○ **B** teach ○ **C** teaches

4. Choose the verb that fits the gap.

Circle one answer.

Next Friday the twins will _____ their bikes to the river.

○ **A** rode ○ **B** rides ○ **C** ride

5. Which sentence is in the future tense?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** We find shells on the beach each morning.

○ **B** We found shells on the beach yesterday.

○ **C** We will find shells on the beach next week.

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6. Which sentence is in the present tense?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** Soon Mum will teach yoga in the hall.

○ **B** Every Friday Mum teaches yoga in the hall.

○ **C** Last night Mum taught yoga in the hall.

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7. What is the past tense of 'seek'?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** sought ○ **B** seeked ○ **C** seek

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

Circle one answer.

○ **A** taught ○ **B** teach ○ **C** teaches

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9. Fix the verb in this future tense sentence: 'Tomorrow the twins will rode their bikes to the river.'

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10. Ben says: 'Yesterday Jo seen a koala.' Is he right?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** No. It should be: Yesterday Jo saw a koala.

○ **B** Yes. That sentence is correct.

○ **C** No. It should have no time word.

Answer key

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1. A — Present
'Whenever' describes something that happens again and again, and 'floods' and 'closes' are present tense verbs.

2. C — sits
Every day Jo sits on the jetty. Something that happens now or all the time uses the present tense, and the verb ending matches the subject.

3. B — teach
Next week Mum will teach yoga in the hall. After will, the verb stays plain.

4. C — ride
Next Friday the twins will ride their bikes to the river. After will, the verb stays plain.

5. C — We will find shells on the beach next week.
We will find shells on the beach next week. It uses the future tense.

6. B — Every Friday Mum teaches yoga in the hall.
Every Friday Mum teaches yoga in the hall. It uses the present tense.

7. A — sought
Yesterday we sought. 'sought' is the past tense of 'seek'.

8. B — teach
After will, the verb stays plain: will teach.

9. Tomorrow the twins will ride their bikes to the river.
Tomorrow the twins will ride their bikes to the river. After will, the verb stays plain.

10. A — No. It should be: Yesterday Jo saw a koala.
Yesterday Jo saw a koala. The past tense of 'see' is saw.