

# Lesson 3

WALT Understand what present and past tense means and be able to recognise verbs or sentences in the past or present tense

Is Amelia Earhart alive now? When was she alive? When something has already happened and we talk or write about it, we use something called the past tense. When something is happening now, we call it the present tense. To write a Biography about things that have already happened, we need to use the past tense.

Let's learn more about tenses....

Watch [\(4\) KS1 English - Spagtastic Past and Present Tenses - YouTube](#) to introduce the idea of present and past tense and that it is the verb in a sentence which tells us when something happened.

(You may need some discussion here about irregular past tense verbs)

Remind children that most of the time, the rule is to add -ed onto the end of a word to change it to the past tense. Watch [\(4\) Nesy Reading Strategy | Adding '-ed' | Past Tense Verbs | Learn to Read - YouTube](#) to consolidate this.

## Activity - verb or sentence sorting

LA/SEND

# Cut and stick verbs

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Choose some sentences to cut out and sort using the labels

## Verb Sorting Activity

When did it happen? Cut out the verbs on the other pages. Match the pairs of past and present tense of each verb on this page.

| <b>Past</b> | <b>Present</b> |
|-------------|----------------|
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|         |        |
|---------|--------|
| spoke   | kick   |
| gave    | sing   |
| hug     | walk   |
| ate     | kissed |
| jump    | go     |
| growl   | yelled |
| slept   | smell  |
| give    | buy    |
| looked  | sang   |
| grabbed | got    |
| jumped  | kicked |

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|---|
| regular <b>Past Tense</b> - (add ed)        |
| regular <b>Present Tense</b>                |
| irregular <b>Past Tense</b> - (change word) |
| irregular <b>Present Tense</b>              |

|                                      |                                       |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| I can <b>see</b> the rainbow.        | I <b>saw</b> the rainbow.             |
| They <b>talk</b> to each other.      | They <b>talked</b> to each other.     |
| I <b>need</b> help.                  | I <b>needed</b> help.                 |
| We <b>look</b> at the birds.         | We <b>looked</b> at the birds.        |
| They <b>move</b> through the crowds. | They <b>moved</b> through the crowds. |

## Plenary

Complete the past/present tense quiz to check understanding  
(see other powerpoint)