

Verbs



This is a round-up of the verb tenses you know.

Verbs tell us what **happens**.

The **tense** of a verb tells us **when** something happens – in the **past**, the **present** or the **future**.

- **Past simple tense**

We usually add **d** or **ed** to the verb family name.

Hannah smiled**d** at the baby.

Hannah talked**ed** to her friend.

- **Past progressive tense**

We use the verb **to be** + **ing**.

Hannah **was talking** to her friend.

- **Perfect tense**

We use the verb **to have** + **simple past tense form**.

Hannah **has talked** to her friend.

- **Present simple tense**

This is the **verb family name**. We add **s** for he/she and it.

I **smile** at the baby. Hannah **talks** to her friend.

- **Present progressive tense**

We use the verb **to be** + **ing**.

You **are smiling** at the baby. Hannah **is talking** to her friend.

- **Future tense**

We use the **verb family name**. We use **shall** with **I** and **we**; **will** with **he/she/it/you** and **they**.

I **shall smile** at the baby. Hannah **will talk** to her friend.

Focus

Say the verb *tenses* with *I* for each verb.

past simple

past progressive

perfect

present simple

present progressive

future

1 to watch 2 to wave 3 to hurry 4 to grab 5 to paint 6 to jump