

Varied Fluency

Step 1: Recognising Simple Past and Present Tenses

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 2: (2G4.2) [Learn how to use the present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form](#)

English Year 2: (2G4.2) [Correct choice and consistent use of present tense and past tense throughout writing](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support recognising the simple past and simple present tense of regular verbs. Words used are phonetically decodable.

Expected Questions to support recognising the simple past and simple present tense of regular verbs. Words taken from the Year 1/2 spellings.

Greater Depth Questions to support recognising the simple past and simple present tense of regular and some irregular verbs. Includes some uncommon spellings.

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Recognising Simple Past and Present Tenses

1a. Tick the sentences below that have been written in the past tense. Look at the verb to help you decide.

A. The girl pushed the door.

☐

B. I ask my sister if she likes pop.

☐

C. The boy looked at the game.

☐

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1b. Tick the sentences below that have been written in the present tense. Look at the verb to help you decide.

A. Annie helps her gran.

☐

B. The cats eat the fish.

☐

C. I zipped up my coat.

☐

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2a. Which word would complete the sentence below when written in the past tense?

The tap _____.

drip

dripped



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2b. Which word would complete the sentence below when written in the present tense?

Everyday I _____ the floor.

mop

mopped



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3a. Match the present tense to the past tense.

pull

liked

like

pulled

nip

nipped



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3b. Match the present tense to the past tense.

drop

dotted

dot

pushed

push

dropped



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4a. True or false? The sentence below is written in the simple present tense.

I walk my dog.



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4b. True or false? The sentence below is written in the simple present tense.

I helped my dad.



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5a. Tick the sentences below that have been written in the past tense. Look at the verb to help you decide.

A. The children played on the grass. ☐

B. People walk on the path. ☐

C. The boy looked at the game. ☐

D. I enjoyed steak for my dinner. ☐



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5b. Tick the sentences below that have been written in the present tense. Look at the verb to help you decide.

A. The parents clapped. ☐

B. The birds eat the seeds. ☐

C. James cleans his plate. ☐

D. The baby crawled. ☐



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6a. Which word would complete the sentence below when written in the past tense?

My father _____ we should eat our vegetables.

say

said



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6b. Which word would complete the sentence below when written in the present tense?

The dog _____ on the lead when I walk.

pulls

pulled



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7a. Match the present tense to the past tense.

bake

moved

climb

baked

move

climbed



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7b. Match the present tense to the past tense.

walk

mowed

watch

walked

mow

watched



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8a. True or false? The sentence below is written in the simple present tense.

I missed the delivery man.



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8b. True or false? The sentence below is written in the simple present tense.

Everyday I brush my teeth.



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9a. Tick the sentences below that have been written in the past tense. Look at the verb to help you decide.

A. You broke my mirror.

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B. I ate sweets for breakfast.

☐

C. The princess kissed the frog.

☐

D. Olivia sees a rainbow.

☐


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9b. Tick the sentences below that have been written in the present tense. Look at the verb to help you decide.

A. Please pass me the salt.

☐

B. I sang in the school choir.

☐

C. She takes some flowers for Mum.

☐

D. Will writes a story in his book.

☐


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10a. Which word would complete the sentence below when written in the past tense?

I _____ pasta for my dinner last night.

eat

ate



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10b. Which word would complete the sentence below when written in the present tense?

She _____ letters to her friend in Africa.

sends

sent



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11a. Match the present tense to the past tense.

sing

thought

think

typed

type

sang



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11b. Match the present tense to the past tense.

ride

opened

open

found

find

rode



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12a. True or false? The sentence below is written in the simple present tense.

The weather is so cold.



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12b. True or false? The sentence below is written in the simple present tense.

I went to the dentist last week.



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Developing

- 1a. **A and C**
- 2a. **dripped**
- 3a. **pull – pulled**
- like – liked**
- nip – nipped**
- 4a. **True**

Expected

- 5a. **A, C and D**
- 6a. **said**
- 7a. **bake – baked**
- climb – climbed**
- move – moved**
- 8a. **False. It is written in the past tense.**

Greater Depth

- 9a. **A, B and C**
- 10a. **ate**
- 11a. **sing – sang**
- think – thought**
- type – typed**
- 12a. **True**

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Developing

- 1b. **A and B**
- 2b. **mop**
- 3b. **drop – dropped**
- dot – dotted**
- push – pushed**
- 4b. **False. It is written in the past tense.**

Expected

- 5b. **B and C**
- 6b. **pulls**
- 7b. **walk – walked**
- watch – watched**
- mow – mowed**
- 8b. **True**

Greater Depth

- 9b. **A, C and D**
- 10b. **sends**
- 11b. **ride – rode**
- open – opened**
- find – found**
- 12b. **False. It is written in the past tense.**