

## Simple Present and Past Tense / Progressive Present and Past Tense

The present tense tells us something that is true at this point in time. The present progressive tense describes an action that is currently in progress. The past tense tells us about something that finished in the past. The past progressive tense describes an action that was in progress in the past. The verbs in a sentence tell us the tense it is written in. Sometimes when a suffix is added, the root word changes.

### **Present Tense (regular verbs have no suffix or have -s or -es added)**

Jake **plays** with his toy cars.

I **see** the tigers.

Grandad **enjoys** watching television.

I **like** cheese.

Lily **brushes** her hair.

The boys **sit** in a line.

### **Present Progressive Tense (is/are + -ing suffix)**

The children **are reading** their books.

My mum **is drinking** a cup of tea.

Ali **is swimming** in the pool.

The baby **is crying**.

The cows **are jumping** over the fence.

We **are cooking** mum a special meal.

### **Past Tense (regular verbs end in the suffix -ed but many irregular verbs do not)**

The small boy **cried**.

My dog **jumped** over the fence.

We **cooked** mum a special meal.

Grandad **enjoyed** the film at the cinema.

The children **ran** to the playground.

My dad **ate** fish and chips for tea.

### **Past Progressive Tense (was/were + -ing suffix)**

We **were playing** football.

She **was sleeping** in the bed.

The boy scouts **were camping** in a field.

Alice **was singing** in the talent show.

The sheep **were grazing** in the field.

The athletes **were running** on the track.

