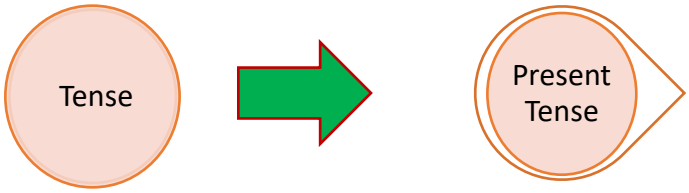
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ACTIVITY SHEETS
USING SIMPLE PRESENT AND PAST TENSE
STANDARD 2
Curriculum Topic: Tense (Writing)

Teaching Point: Use the simple present tense and simple past tense within context correctly.



Let us recap:

Verbs change their form to show the time of the action or condition they express. That is, they change to show **Tense.**



Simple Present Tense

(i)Use to describe actions as they take place or 'now' actions. *Example: We watch as Sandra shakes the Principal's hand and accepts her prize.*

(ii) Use for repeated action. *Example: The girls swim in the pool every day.*

(iii) Use for making general statements. *Example: Hurricanes occur mostly in the Atlantic Ocean.*

(iv) Use for expressing feelings that we have now, at this time. Example: *I love Mathematics.*

(v) Use for events that will take place in the near future. *Example: The curried duck cookout starts at nine o'clock tomorrow morning.*

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Activity 1:

Underline the simple present tense to complete the sentences.

1. Once a year, the cadets (display, displayed) their skills on horseback.
2. Cora (loving, loves) to write down all her grandmother's ghost stories.
3. We (enjoy, enjoyed) our swimming class each morning.
4. I now (pronouncing, pronounce) you man and wife.
5. Brenda (conducted, conducts) the choir in school every Friday.
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7. The Earth (rotating, rotates) on its axis.
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Activity 2:

Change the infinitive form of the verbs in brackets into the simple present tense to complete the passage.

Mark and I _____ (to clean) the birdcages every day. You _____(to need) to be very careful, as the birds _____ (to flutter) madly up and down the room. Now and then they _____(to escape) outside. Then all persons_____ (to join) in the chase. The parrots _____ (to squawk) loudly, when you finally_____ (to catch) the birds. Once back in their cage, the birds_____ (to glare) angrily at us.

Now we move to Simple Past Tense

Simple Past tense

(i)Use for actions that started and finished in the past.
Example: *Last week, we watched a movie in class.*

(ii) Use for a series of actions that took place in the past.

Example: *Yesterday, we saw a movie in class and discussed it.*

(iii) Use for actions that took place over a long period of time in the past.

Example: *Earlier this year we worked on a project for a movie about the school.*

(iv)Use for a habit that existed in the past, but no longer does.

Example: *In Standard Five, we studied at lunchtime and after school.*

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Forming Past Tense

How to form the Past Tense	Example
1. By adding –ed to the base form of the verb	connect-connected search-searched delight- delighted
2. When the root form of a verb ends with one-e drop the letter before adding –ed.	relate-related decide-decided prepare-prepared
3. If the base form of the verb ends with *–y* ,change this letter to **'i'** before adding –ed.	terrify-terrified multiply-multiplied rely-relied
4. By doubling the final letter of the root form of the verb before adding –ed	drop-dropped plan-planned rip-ripped
Irregular verbs- do not form their past tense by adding –ed	
5. By changing one or more letters of the word.	ring-rang write-wrote eat-ate speak-spoke tear-tore
6. A few verbs do not change form in the past tense.	cut-cut beat-beat hurt-hurt read-read broadcast- broadcast put-put

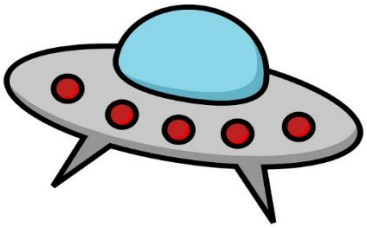


Activity 3:

Use the simple past tense of the verb in brackets to complete the sentences. Remember how to form the past tense of verbs.

1. The children _____ to give up until they found the cricket ball. (refuse)
2. On Monday, Bryan _____ some seeds in the garden. (bury)
3. Yesterday, we _____ at another movie in class. (look)
4. Many accidents_____ in the village before the installation of traffic lights. (occur)
5. Two girls _____ from Port-of-Spain to Tunapuna on their bicycles. (ride)
6. For years, water _____through the leaky ceiling onto the bedroom floor. (drip)
7. Most students _____hard for their English exam. (study)
8. The residents_____ the community playground and planted flowers. (clean)
9. Earlier this year, we _____ a script for a play about our school. (write)
10. As boys, the twins _____ playing cricket and football. (prefer)
11. The art instructor _____the class how to use oil paints. (teach)
12. During the hike, the students _____ freely in the hot sunshine. (perspire)
13. On being accused of cheating, Liz firmly _____any wrongdoing. (deny)
14. In time, Mikail _____ enough money to purchase the game he wanted. (accumulate)
15. Keith, the batsman, _____his hand and had to retire from the match. (hurt)

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Activity 4

Revise this paragraph by changing the underlined verbs from the simple present tense to the simple past tense.

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You may write your answer in the spaces below:

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