

What to do today

IMPORTANT! Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and with any weblinks or use of the Internet required.

1. Discovering verbs and their tenses

Read the information on [The Simple and Progressive Forms of Verbs in the Past Tense](#).

2. Story time

Read [Morning in the Forest](#).

- Use one colour to highlight the verbs in the simple past tense.
- Use a different colour to highlight the verbs in the progressive past tense.
- Check with the [Answers](#) page.

3. The simple past and the progressive past tense

Read the verbs in the boxes at the top of [Past Tense Verb Forms](#).

- Rewrite the simple past tense verbs in the progressive past form. One has been done for you to get you started.
- Rewrite the progressive past verbs in the simple past form.
- Read the half-finished sentences below.
- Add a clause in the simple past to each progressive past sentence starter.
- Add a clause in the progressive past to the simple past tense sentence.

Now try this Fun-Time Extra

- Conduct a family survey – what is everyone's favourite food? Record responses on [Family Favourites](#). What describing words do people use for their foods? Record these too. What star rating do they give their choices?

The Simple and Progressive Forms of Verbs in the Past Tense

Writing about things that have already happened, in the past,
we use the ***past tense for verbs***.

Two forms of the past tense

- the **simple form** of the past tense
- the **progressive form** of the past tense

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Ami **jumped** over a fallen tree.

Oli **sat** on his chair.

Ashok and Tom **picked** up the ball.

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Creating the **simple form** of the past tense ...

- some verbs add *-ed* to the root verb: *jump/jumped, pick/picked*
- some change in other ways: *sit/sat; write/wrote*

The **progressive form** of the past tense.

Something happened in the past but continued or carried on happening.

Oli **was sitting** on his chair.

Hansini and Mia **were writing** a letter.

Creating the progressive form of the past tense.

- use *was* or *were* followed by a verb with *-ing* on the end

Shout ⇒ was shouting kick ⇒ was kicking think ⇒ was thinking

Often you have the **progressive form** and the **simple form** together in one sentence, where one thing carried on happening and another one stopped:

Oli **was sitting** on his chair when Ben **said** hello.

Hansini and Mia **were writing** a letter but Mum **asked** them to go to bed.

Morning in the Forest

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Past Tense Verb Forms

Simple past	Progressive past
<i>rushed</i>	<i>were or was rushing</i>
<i>climbed</i>	
<i>munched</i>	
	<i>was peeling</i>
	<i>were jumping</i>
<i>shouted</i>	
<i>slipped</i>	
	<i>was bouncing</i>

Monkey was munching on a banana when *mouse walked past covered in snow*.

Lion and Giraffe were chatting together when _____

Badger was thinking about lunch when _____

Both Dog and Cat were snoozing in the sun when _____

_____ when Squirrel rushed up and said she had some news.

Family Favourites

Family member	Favourite food	Describing words	Star rating out of 5