

Past or Present?

1. Complete the table by writing the base verbs in the simple past and the past progressive tenses.

Verb	Simple Past	Past Progressive
I cook	I cooked	I was cooking
she hopes		
he grows		
we think		

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4. Damien has written the sentence below.

Last year I rode a donkey at the fair, but this year I am riding a horse.

He says,



My sentence is written in the simple past tense.

Is he correct? Explain your reasoning.

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2. Identify the tense used in each sentence below.

A. The girl hobbles down the road.

B. Unfortunately, it was raining this morning.

C. In school, we are learning about the Ancient Egyptians.

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5. Which of the sentences below is the odd one out?

A. The children were asking lots of questions when the author visited their school.

B. Phil is feeling nervous because his exams are today.

C. She was taking her dog to the vet but her car broke down.

Explain your answer.

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3. Choose the correct verb from the word bank below to complete the sentences.

draw

drew

is drawing

A. Omar _____ a picture of dad on the front of the father's day card he had made.

freeze

froze

is freezing

B. Imelda _____ now that she has come out of the swimming pool.

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6. Use the verb below to write three sentences.

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Each sentence should be written in a different tense and the tense should be labelled.

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he grows	he grew	he was growing
we think	we thought	we were thinking

2. A. simple present; B. past progressive; C. present progressive
3. A. drew; B. is freezing
4. Damien is incorrect. The first clause in the sentence is written in the simple past tense, however the second clause is in the present progressive tense.
5. B is the odd one out. It uses the present progressive tense and the simple present tense. However both A and C use the past progressive tense and the simple past tense.
6. Various answers, for example:
Last week, I saw my favourite band in concert. (simple past)
I see my grandparents every weekend with my younger brother. (simple present)
It is my friend's birthday so we are seeing a movie at the cinema. (present progressive)