

Insert the Present or Past Tense of the **to be** Verb in the blanks

Review all Verb handouts before beginning these exercises

REMEMBER – Present Tense **to be** Verb (**am, is, are**). Past Tense (**was, were**).

- E.g. 1. The old house was built in 1920. (Past Tense Verb because the action happened in the past)
 2. My dog is sick and weak. (Present Tense Verb because the action is happening at the present time)

1. Sarah _____ at the concert last night. Travis and Randy _____ there too.
2. Amy _____ my best friend. She and I _____ in the same Spanish class.
3. John and I _____ in the interior. We _____ on a camping trip. I hope we don't see a jaguar!
4. My family and I _____ in the swimming pool when the thunder began. The life guard told us we had to get out. I _____ upset, but I knew he was right.
5. Lolita _____ a very nice girl. She helped her parents, did her homework and looked after the baby.
6. The weather _____ hot. We _____ sweating. I asked my mom to turn on the air conditioner.
7. I _____ going to the grocery store when you called.
8. Mark and Jan _____ walking their dog when I talked to them last week.
9. Chris, where _____ you last night? I _____ looking all over for you.
10. _____ Ravi going to the gym later today?

Insert the correct tense of the Verb in brackets in the blank spaces

- E.g. 1. My father **went** (go) to the bank. He'll be back soon. (Past Tense)
 2. This science exercise is difficult. I **will help** (help) you to do it. (Future Tense)

1. Matt is thirsty. I _____ (get) him a glass of water.
2. I _____ (speak) to Susan a minute ago.
3. I _____ (not see) my grandparents since Christmas.
4. My cousin is a writer. He _____ (write) three novels.
5. Many students _____ (not listen) when the teacher gave the instruction.
6. If I _____ (find) a good job, I'll move to New York.
7. It _____ (rain) when we _____ (leave) the library.
8. What _____ you _____ (cook) tonight?
9. I _____ (bake) a cake when I got the news.
10. My neighbour _____ (break) his leg. He is hospitalized.

Fill in the correct tense of the irregular Verbs in brackets

1. During the war they _____ many people. (shoot)

2. The children have _____ swimming because the intense heat. (go)
3. She was lying in her bed when the phone _____. (ring)
4. He _____ a glass on the floor and _____ it. (throw, break)
5. Last night I _____ in my bed for the first time in a month. (sleep)
6. My nephew has _____ six centimeters since last October. (grow)
7. Hurry up! The show has already _____. (begin)
8. It was the biggest building they ever _____. (build)
9. George _____ off the ladder yesterday and _____ himself. (fall, hurt)
10. I have not _____ anything from her in a long time. (hear)

Rewrite the following sentences using a Gerund instead of an Infinitive

E.g. He began to read the lesson. (Infinitive)
 He began reading the lesson. (Gerund)

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| 1. The orator started to speak. | 5. To ride a horse is quite delightful. |
| _____ | _____ |
| 2. He started to play the drums when he was four. | 6. To ask John would be a mistake. |
| _____ | _____ |
| 3. To jump over this wall is not easy. | 7. I like to paint. |
| _____ | _____ |
| 4. The doctor advised us to take a holiday. | 8. He continued to work. |
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Identify the Present and Past Participles as Nouns, Adjectives or Verbs

E.g. The lost son finally found his way home. (Adjective)

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| 1. She was <u>talking</u> to her friend and forgot about her flight. | _____ |
| 2. Val hates <u>cooking</u> because her recipes always turn out wrong. | _____ |
| 3. I dropped a pot of <u>boiling</u> water and scalded my leg. | _____ |
| 4. The <u>swollen</u> river overflowed and flooded the entire village. | _____ |
| 5. She is <u>thinking</u> about the children's comfort. | _____ |
| 6. <u>Dancing</u> relieves stress and provides entertainment. | _____ |
| 7. Can you mend this <u>broken</u> wind screen? | _____ |
| 8. He had a unique way of <u>whistling</u> . | _____ |
| 9. English history is a very <u>interesting</u> subject. | _____ |
| 10. The <u>painting</u> was taken to the auction. | _____ |