

# Simple Past or Simple Present?



Tell your partner or adult about some of the things you do every morning before school.

E.g. I get up.

I walk downstairs.

What verbs did you use in the sentences?

E.g. get, walk, brush, eat, play.

These verbs are in the present tense. You use present tense verbs to talk about the things you do now and on a regular basis. The simple present tense is used to describe something which is true at this moment in time.



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These children are talking about the things they did last weekend. They are using the simple past tense.

I listened to my favourite music.



I walked up a big hill with my family.

I played in the garden.



Which verbs have been used in the past tense?

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These verbs are in the simple past.

I **listened** to my favourite music.

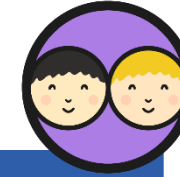
I **walked** up a big hill with my family.

I **played** in the garden.

The **simple past tense** is used to describe events which have already happened.

Simple Present Tense Verbs	Simple Past Tense Verbs
brush walk play	brushed walked played

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Can you sort these  
sentences into past and present tense?  
Remember to look at each sentence carefully.

## Past or Present Tense Sorting Activity

To use past and present tenses correctly and consistently.

Read the sentences on the cards with your partner. Are they written in the past tense or in the present tense?  
Place them on the correct part of the sorting grid below.

Past Tense	Present Tense

## Past or Present Tense Sorting Activity

I help my sister with her homework.	Last week, I helped my sister to write her name.	I play football on Saturday mornings.
I worked hard to complete all the sums yesterday.	I paint pictures most weekends.	I painted a lovely picture of a horse on Sunday.