The Tense



Playing in the rain!

Kabir: Come on, Alam!
Our friends **are playing** in the rain.
What **are** you **doing** inside the house?

Alam: Okay. I **am coming**.
I **was reading** a book.
Is it still **raining**?

Kabir: Yes. So, hurry up! **Bring** the beach ball with you.
I think a rainbow **will appear**!

Verbs

Verbs tell us the tense in which the sentence is.

The words in highlighted help us understand at what time a particular action took place.

Tenses can be divided into:

- The Past Tense
- The Present Tense
- The Future Tense



Verbs

Be-verbs are used with main verbs.

- I am playing.
- She is reading.
- They were eating.
- He had taken a bath.

They help in showing the tense of the verb.

- I am playing. **present continuous**
- She is reading. **present continuous**
- They were eating. **past continuous**
- He had taken a bath. **past perfect**



Your Turn to Try

Fill in the blank with the correct helping verb (am, is, are, was, were).

1. John ____ waiting for me at the bus stop yesterday.

2. _____ you coming to my birthday party tomorrow?

3. They _____ happy when they saw a rainbow.

4. The sky _____ so blue today!



More Practise

Change the tense of the sentence as directed.

1. I play the piano. (simple past)

2. Raju dances very well. (past continuous)

3. My friends go to the park in the evening. (present perfect)

4. Mary ate an apple after lunch. (simple future)

5. We jumped up and down on the soft grass. (simple present)

