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Verb Tenses Cards

Verbs are action words. They talk about things we are doing, will do and have done. In English we mark whether we are talking about things that happened in the past, are happening now or will happen in the future by using word endings called verb tenses. Young children can often use them incorrectly or leave them out of sentences altogether.

Verbs are action words. They are things we can do such as run, eat, and sleep. They also include thinking verbs such as think, know, remember, decide, suppose and words such as is, be and do.

- If we are doing something now we use the present tense eg: painting, laughing, walking.
- If we have done the action we use the past tense eg: painted, laughed, walked.
- If we are going to do it in the future we use the future tense eg. will eat, am going to sleep.

Most words in English follow the 'ed' rule for past tense, that is when we say a doing word that has happened in the past we add 'ed' to the end. Some words do not follow this rule eg:

swimming → swam

eating → ate

Children often confuse these words initially eg: saying 'eated' for 'ate'.

Use the attached verb cards to model the sentences and show how the words change in time.

1. Look at the pictures together and read the sentences.
2. Next ask your child to copy the sentences.
3. Ask your child to say the sentences all by themselves. If they can read cover the words.
4. Finally cut up the pictures, mix them up and ask your child to put them in order and say the sentences.

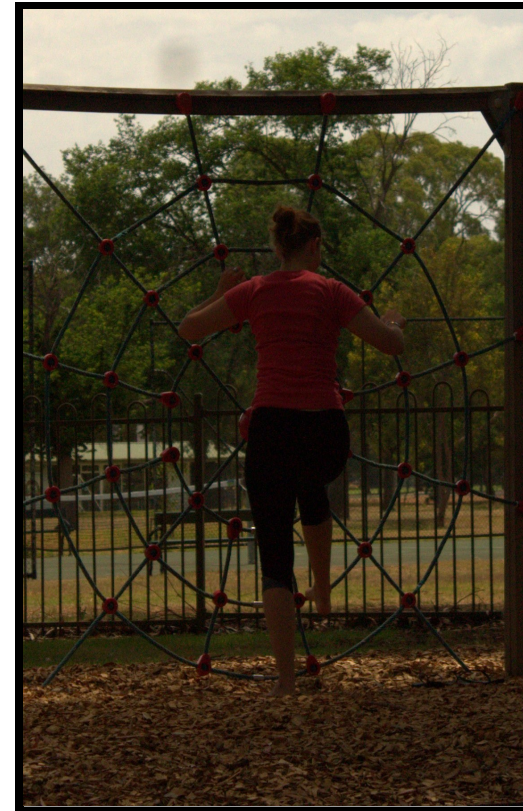
Verb tense cards



Meg will climb
the web.



Meg is climbing
the web.



Meg climbed
the web.

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Verb tense cards



Meg will play on
the slide.



Meg is playing
on the slide.



Meg has played
on the slide.

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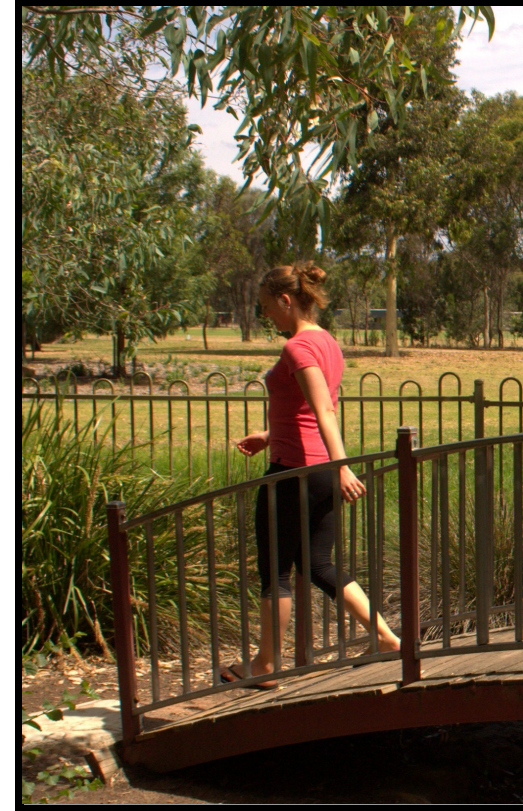
Verb tense cards



Meg will cross
the bridge.



Meg is crossing
the bridge.



Meg crossed
the bridge.

Verb tense cards



Meg will creep
through the
tunnel.



Meg is creeping
through the tunnel.



Meg crept through
the tunnel.

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Verb tense cards



Meg will
swing.



Meg is
swinging.



Meg swung.

Verb tense cards



Meg will hang
on the bars.



Meg is hanging
on the bars.



Meg hung on
the bars.

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