

Verb Forms & Tenses: Session 1

Preparation	<p>Print out and prepare: Remember Me! Memory Game Cards, A Tense Time Activity Sheet, Picture this Game Cards, and Table Tenses Activity Sheet.</p> <p>Source: Pens/pencils, Whiteboards and pens.</p>
Warm-Up	<p>Remember Me!</p> <p>Remind children that verbs are action/doing words. Ask children to choose three of the Remember Me! Memory Game Cards to find matching groups of verbs. When they have found the matching groups of three, discuss the different tenses (simple past, present and future). To explain further, put the words into simple sentences, such as:</p> <p>I swam in the sea on holiday. I swim with my friends. I will swim on Sunday.</p> <p>Can children identify simple past, present and future tenses?</p>
Input	<p>A Tense Time</p> <p>Recap the different simple tenses and ask the children to give you example sentences using the Remember Me! Memory Game Cards for inspiration if needed.</p> <p>For example:</p> <p>Past: I drank a warm cup of tea this morning.</p> <p>Present: I drink a warm cup of tea every morning.</p> <p>Future: I will drink a warm cup of tea in the morning.</p> <p>Introduce A Tense Time Activity Sheet and ask children to identify the tense of the given sentences.</p> <p>Can children identify sentences written in simple past, present or future tenses?</p>
Apply	<p>Picture This</p> <p>Using the Picture This Game Cards, children pick an image and a tense card and write a sentence, such as:</p> <p>My friends fought about football. (past tense)</p> <p>Children now write and share their own sentences.</p> <p>If it comes up, discuss how it can be difficult to keep to simple past, present or future tense. It is tempting to use auxiliary verbs and therefore change the tense being used to the perfect or progressive form, such as:</p> <p>My friends had fought about football every day this week. (present perfect tense – this will be covered in more detail in Session 2)</p> <p>My friends are/were fighting about football again. (present/past progressive – this will be covered in more detail in Session 3)</p> <p>Can children write sentences in simple past, present and future tenses?</p>

Assess & Review

Table Tenses

Give children the [Table Tenses Activity Sheet](#). Ask them to take it in turns with a partner to fill in the gaps giving missing words/sentences in simple past, present and future tenses.

They score a point each time they complete a word/sentence correctly.

Can children alter the tense of sentences between simple past, present and future tenses?