

**Year 3 & 4**

**Grammar**

**G4 – Verb**

**(forms), tenses**

**and**

**consistency**

## Past and present tense

Circle the two words that show the **tense** in the sentence below.

They went to the theme park – the car journey home  
was difficult.

1 mark

Complete the sentences below, using the **simple past tense** of the verbs in the boxes.

It was a cold day when we \_\_\_\_\_ handball.

↑  
play

My friend \_\_\_\_\_ the ball to me and I \_\_\_\_\_ it.

↑  
throw

↑  
catch

1 mark

Rewrite the verbs in the boxes to complete the sentences with the correct choice of **tense**.

The visitors left after they \_\_\_\_\_ their coffee.

↑  
to finish

Jo usually \_\_\_\_\_ up early on Saturday morning and

↑  
to wake

goes swimming before breakfast.

1 mark

Complete the sentence below with the **simple past tense** of the verbs in the boxes.

I \_\_\_\_\_ netball last weekend, but I only \_\_\_\_\_

to play

to know

where the match \_\_\_\_\_ the day before.

to be

1 mark

Rewrite the underlined verbs in the **simple past** tense.

During the winter months, the sun does not appear high in

the sky and the days are much shorter than the nights.

1 mark

Rewrite the underlined verbs in the **simple past**.

The sky begins to look darker as the storm approaches.

1 mark

Circle the correct **verb form** in each underlined pair to complete the passage below.

William Shakespeare, the famous writer, is / was born in Stratford-upon-Avon in 1564 and later will move / moved to London where he will become / became an actor. Even today, Shakespeare's plays are performed / performed around the world.

1 mark

Complete each sentence with the **simple past** of the verbs in the boxes.

I \_\_\_\_\_ my homework on the computer.

to do

I \_\_\_\_\_ to do a project about horses.

to choose

I \_\_\_\_\_ by making notes about different breeds.

to begin

1 mark

Rewrite the underlined verbs so that they are in the **simple past**.

I usually feed my cat before I eat breakfast.

1 mark


Rewrite the underlined verbs in the sentence below so that they are in the **simple past**.

Oliver feels proud when he collects his medal after he wins the race.

1 mark

Rewrite the underlined verbs in the **simple past**.

Joseph hurriedly draws the man's portrait, but then tears the

page out of his sketchbook.

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1 mark

### Past and present progressive

Tick one box in each row to show if the sentence is in the **present progressive** or the **past progressive**.

Sentence	Present progressive	Past progressive
Joey was playing football in the park after school.		
Joey's football skills are improving all the time.		
Joey is hoping to be a professional footballer.		

1 mark

Rewrite the underlined verbs in the sentence below so that they are in the **present progressive** form.

Jim learns French at school. He plans to ski in the Alps in the spring.

↓

↓

1 mark

Rewrite the underlined verb in the sentence below so it is in the **present progressive**.

I taught my sister to skateboard.

↓

1 mark

Which option completes the sentence using the **present progressive**?

I \_\_\_\_\_ the photos to the school website.

Tick **one**.

upload ☐

will upload ☐

have uploaded ☐

am uploading ☐

1 mark

Rewrite the underlined verb so that it is in the **past progressive**.

Alexandra walked home.



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1 mark

### Tense understanding

Which sentence is grammatically correct?

Tick **one**.

Tomorrow we went shopping at the sales.

☐

In three weeks' time, I will be on holiday.

☐

Next weekend, we had gone to the river to fish.

☐

Last summer, we swim at the beach and collect seashells.

☐

1 mark

Which sentence uses **tense** correctly?

Tick **one**.

We sat and ate our lunch once we had found a sunny picnic spot.

☐

Once we find a sunny picnic spot, we sat and ate our lunch.

☐

Once we had found a sunny picnic spot, we sit and eat our lunch.

☐

We sat and eat our lunch once we had found a sunny picnic spot.

☐

1 mark

Which sentence is closest in meaning to the one below?

My dad has had this bike for two years.

Tick **one**.

My dad no longer has this bike.

☐

My dad is having this bike for his birthday.

☐

My dad has this bike now.

☐

My dad will have a bike in two years' time.

☐

1 mark



Draw a line to match each sentence to its description.  
Use each description once.

Sentence	Description
Jake was cycling.	• an action in progress in the present
Jake cycled.	• an action in progress in the past
Jake is cycling.	• an action in the past

1 mark

Which sentence uses **tense** correctly?

Tick **one**.

- She is getting the ball and then she scored the winning goal. ☐
- My friends thought the film was good, but I don't like thrillers. ☐
- When the clock strikes midnight, everyone was in bed. ☐
- Tonight he is playing rounders and she joined in. ☐

1 mark

## Past and present perfect

Which sentence uses the **present perfect form**?

Tick **one**.

Jo went shopping on Saturday and she bought a whole new outfit.

☐

The girl entered at the last minute and won the race!

☐

My sister was a reserve, but she scored the winning goal.

☐

My dog was very naughty, but since the classes he has been much better.

☐

1 mark

Which **verb form** completes the sentence?

After Disha \_\_\_\_\_ her medal, she gave a television interview.

Tick **one**.

is collecting

☐

had collected

☐

has collected

☐

was collecting

☐

1 mark

Which option completes the sentence in the **past perfect**?

Soon after a Frenchman \_\_\_\_\_ the first land speed record, it was broken.

Tick **one**.

has set

☐

had set

☐

set

☐

was setting

☐

1 mark

Tick one box in each row to show which form of the verb is underlined in each sentence.

Sentence	Simple past	Past progressive	Past perfect
Nathan <u>had hoped</u> for a part in the school play.			
The children <u>were rehearsing</u> their lines.			
Lots of parents <u>came</u> to watch.			

1 mark