

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

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.

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1 mark

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

The sky begins to look darker as the storm approaches.

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↓

1 mark

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

I _____ my homework on the computer.

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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 in the **simple past**.

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

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↓

page out of his sketchbook.

1 mark

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

I usually feed my cat before I eat breakfast.

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↓

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.

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1 mark

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

I _____ my violin to school. I _____ it last week.

↑

to bring

↑

to forget

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

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

The plane flies high above the clouds, while the passengers sit

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↓

in their seats and relax.

↓

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

Past and present progressive

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.



1 mark

Complete the sentence below using the **past progressive** form of the verb in the box.

While we _____ to our friend, his phone started ringing.



to talk

1 mark

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

Which sentence uses the **past progressive**?

Tick **one**.

What did you do?

☐

What are you doing?

☐

What were you doing?

☐

What could you have done?

☐

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 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

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

Tick one box to show which verb is in the wrong **tense** in the sentence below.

When you use watercolour paints, it is important that you begin with

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lighter shades and built up colour gradually.

☐

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

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

_____ before school.

Tick **one**.

I eat breakfast

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I was eating breakfast

☐

I had eaten breakfast

☐

I have eaten breakfast

☐

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

Complete the sentence below with the **past perfect** form of the verb in the box.

The teacher told the class that he _____ not to give them any homework.

1 mark

to decide