

Year 6

Grammar

G4 – Verb

(forms), tenses

and

consistency

From KS1

Past and present tense, including progressive

Circle the correct verbs so that the sentence is in the **past tense**.

The sun

is	was
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 shining and Mia

played	plays
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in the garden.



1 mark

Tick to show whether each sentence is written in the **past tense** or the **present tense**.

Sentence	Past tense	Present tense
Aziz gave out the paint pots.		
Aziz spills water on the table.		
Aziz needed some glue.		



1 mark

Which sentence is written in the **present tense**?

Tick **one**.

Mum took Ella breakfast in bed.

Mum makes Ella a hot drink.

Mum gave Ella a book.

Mum told Ella a story.



1 mark

Write **one** verb to complete what each child is saying.

Today, I am _____ a picture.



1 mark

Yesterday, I _____ a picture.



1 mark

The sentence below should all be in the **past tense**.

Circle **one** word that needs to be changed.

The swimming pool was closed so Ted plays in the park.

1 mark

Tick the sentence that shows what the teacher is doing now.

Tick **one**.

The teacher wrote on the board.

The teacher is looking at the paintings.

The teacher asked the class to tidy up.

The teacher was reading a story.



1 mark

Circle the word that shows the sentence below is in the **present tense**.

The drink is very hot.



1 mark

Rewrite the verb in the box to complete the sentence in the correct **tense**.

Emily _____ to school and met Li at the gate.

↑



1 mark

Write one **verb** to complete the sentence below.

Fred is _____ to the teacher.



1 mark

Tick to show whether each sentence is in the **past tense** or the **present tense**.

Sentence	Past tense	Present tense
Samir enjoys cooking.		
Eva laughed at the joke.		
Poppy caught the ball.		

1 mark

The underlined verb is in the wrong **tense**.

Write the verb in the correct tense in the box below.

After the children made their models, they paint them.

↓

1 mark

Circle the verb that is written in the **past tense**.

Ben learnt that some whales can hold their breath for two hours.

1 mark

Write the **past tense** of the word borrow on the line below.

I _____ three books from the library.

1 mark

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

Sentence	Past tense	Present tense
Alex was planting some seeds.		
Alex planted some seeds.		
Alex is planting some seeds.		
Alex plants some seeds.		



1 mark

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

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

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

Modal verb

Which sentence shows that you are **most likely** to be away next week?

Tick **one**.

I could be away next week.

I might be away next week.

I shall be away next week.

I may be away next week.

1 mark

Explain how the **modal verb** changes the meaning of the second sentence.

- 1) Yusuf and his sister go swimming with their dad.
- 2) Yusuf and his sister might go swimming with their dad.

1 mark

Circle the **modal verb** in the sentence below.

Kate hoped that she would see goats and sheep at the farm.

1 mark

Which sentence expresses the greatest certainty?

Tick **one**.

It may rain later in the week.

The train might arrive late again today.

I will walk through the park to get to school.

It should be sunny and warm tomorrow.

1 mark

Tick the sentence that shows Lara is **most likely** to go swimming on Saturday.

Tick **one**.

Lara will go swimming on Saturday.

Lara should go swimming on Saturday.

Lara might go swimming on Saturday.

Lara could go swimming on Saturday.

1 mark

Active and passive

Tick one box in each row to show whether the sentence is written in the **active voice** or the **passive voice**.

Sentence	Active	Passive
Otters live in clean rivers.		
Fish are eaten by otters.		
Usually, otters are playful creatures.		

1 mark

Rewrite the sentence below so that it is in the **active voice**.
Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

The results were announced by the judges.

1 mark

Rewrite the sentence below in the **active**.
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The vital clues were discovered by the detective.

1 mark

Tick one box in each row to show whether the sentence is written in the **active** or the **passive**.

Sentence	Active	Passive
The lost dog was found by the children.		
Everyone heard the thunder.		
Nicole was riding her bike.		

1 mark

Rewrite the sentence below in the **passive**.
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The wind damaged the fence.

1 mark

Which sentence uses the **passive**?

Tick **one**.

The school proposed building a new playground.

The issue was discussed at a council meeting.

The council voted in favour of the proposal.

They started building the new playground last week.

1 mark

Rewrite the sentence below in the **active**.
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

A song will be sung by the children.

1 mark

Rewrite the sentence below in the **passive**.
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The Romans invaded Britain over two thousand years ago.

1 mark

Subjunctive

Which verb completes the sentence so that it uses the **subjunctive form**?

I wish I _____ able to join you, but it will not be possible.

Tick **one**.

am

was

were

be

1 mark