

Present Tense and Past Tense

Use the present tense to write about something that happens regularly.

Ian plays the piano. ← Ian does this regularly, even if he isn't doing it right now.

Use the past tense to write about something that's finished.

Jo walked to church. ← To change most verbs into the past tense you just add 'ed' on the end.

1 Draw lines to match the words to the correct tense.



stayed

stared

go

told

relax

run

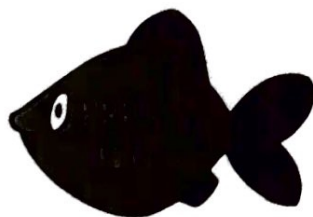
bought

spoke

played

jump

are



2 Complete the tables to show the past and present forms of the verbs.

Present Tense	Past Tense
I behave	I behaved
.....	I offered
.....	I worked
I ask
I hope

Present Tense	Past Tense
I talk
.....	I enjoyed
I need
I live
.....	I opened

Some irregular verbs are more tricky to change into the past tense — you just have to learn these.

I sleep a lot. → I slept a lot. I make cakes. → I made cakes.

3 Rewrite the sentences below in their past tense forms.

Harvey visits me. →

We tear it up. →

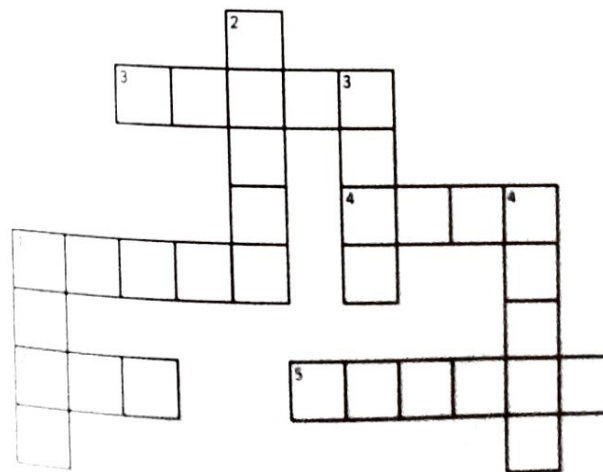
Alisha talks a lot. →

Jenny falls over. →

Ben packs his bag. →

I take the register. →

4 Complete the crossword by writing the past tense of each verb.



Across

Down

1. break

1. beat

2. eat

2. freeze

3. throw

3. wear

4. read

4. dry

5. dance

