

Verbs: past and present tense 1

Remember

Verbs are doing words. Verbs can be in the **past tense** or the **present tense**. The **tense** of the verb shows when it happened.

I **open** the door. (present tense – happening now)

I **opened** the door. (past tense – happened in the past)

Try it

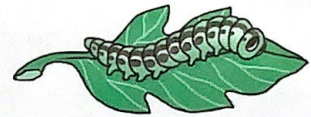
- 1 Underline the **verb** in each of these sentences. Write whether it is in the **past tense** or the **present tense**.

Thunder boomed across the roof tops. _____ tense

Caterpillars turn into butterflies. _____ tense

He followed the trail of stones. _____ tense

The girl jumps into the stream. _____ tense



- 2 The **verbs** in these sentences are in the **present tense**. Rewrite each sentence in the **past tense**.

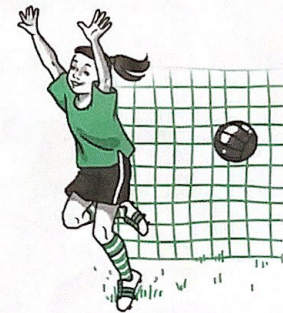
I count six trees. _____

He waits for the bus. _____

Ellie scores a goal. _____

Sam crosses the road. _____

We share the sweets. _____



Sentence practice

Write two sentences using the verb 'walk'. Write one in the **present tense** and one in the **past tense**.
