

Varied Fluency

Step 1: Past or Present?

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 5: (5G4.1b) [Using the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support recognising the past and present tense of regular verbs within single-clause sentences.

Expected Questions to support recognising the past and present tense of regular and irregular verbs within multi-clause sentences.

Greater Depth Questions to support recognising the past and present tense of regular and irregular verbs within multi-clause sentences. This includes using the past and present tense within negative sentences.

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Past or Present?

1a. Circle all the past tense verbs below.

jumped

talk

like

cooked



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Past or Present?

1b. Circle all the past tense verbs below.

want

looked

played

stay



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2a. Match the verbs in the simple past to their correct form in the progressive past.

climbed

climb

wishing

wished

climbing



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2b. Match the verbs in the simple past to their correct form in the progressive past.

watched

watching

watch

checked

checking



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3a. Read the sentence below.

The water is boiling.

Is the underlined verb in the past or present tense?



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3b. Read the sentence below.

I brushed my teeth.

Is the underlined verb in the past or present tense?



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4a. True or false? The sentence below is written in the simple past tense.

Max picked the flowers.



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4b. True or false? The sentence below is written in the simple past tense.

The ice is melting.



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Past or Present?

5a. Circle all the past tense verbs below.

skipping

made

hide

went

walked

believed



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Past or Present?

5b. Circle all the past tense verbs below.

grew

fall

sat

asked

helped

open



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6a. Match the verbs in the simple past to their correct form in the progressive past.

cleaned

frozing

froze

moving

moved

cleaning

freezing



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6b. Match the verbs in the simple past to their correct form in the progressive past.

showed

flying

stirred

stirring

flew

flewing

showing



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7a. Read the sentence below.

When break time ended, the teacher blew her whistle.

Is the underlined verb in the past or present tense?



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7b. Read the sentence below.

After I washed my clothes, I hung them outside to dry.

Is the underlined verb in the past or present tense?



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8a. True or false? The sentence below is written in the simple past tense.

The next day, he swam in the sea for the first time.



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8b. True or false? The sentence below is written in the simple past tense.

Last weekend, I was riding my bike with my best friend.



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Past or Present?

9a. Circle all the past tense verbs in the sentences below.

Yesterday, we were at the funfair by the beach. We want to go back tomorrow because it was so much fun!



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Past or Present?

9b. Circle all the past tense verbs in the sentences below.

Jason and Alice bought their gran some flowers before their visit. They forgot to take the card with them.



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10a. Match the verbs in the progressive past to their form in the simple past.

keeping

drew

paying

kept

drawing

drew

kept

paid



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10b. Match the verbs in the progressive past to their form in the simple past.

holding

spoke

speaking

spent

spending

held

spoke

held



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11a. Read the sentence below.

Lisa wasn't driving when the old, rusty car broke down on the motorway.

What tense is the sentence written in?



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11b. Read the sentence below.

They weren't upset when their cat went missing because they knew all of his hiding places.

What tense is the sentence written in?



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12a. True or false? The sentence below is written in the present tense.

My teacher let me collect the register and take it to the office.



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12b. True or false? The sentence below is written in the simple past tense.

I wasn't drinking enough water so I was getting a lot of headaches.



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Developing

- 1a. jumped, cooked
- 2a. climbed and climbing, wished and wishing
- 3a. Present
- 4a. True

Expected

- 5a. made, went, walked, believed
- 6a. cleaned and cleaning, froze and freezing, moved and moving
- 7a. Past
- 8a. True

Greater Depth

- 9a. were, was
- 10a. keeping and kept, paying and paid, drawing and drew
- 11a. Past progressive
- 12a. False, the sentence is written in the simple past tense.

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Developing

- 1b. looked, played
- 2b. watched and watching, checked and checking
- 3b. Past
- 4b. False, the sentence is written in the present tense.

Expected

- 5b. grew, sat, asked, helped
- 6b. showed and showing, stirred and stirring, flew and flying
- 7b. Past
- 8b. False, the sentence is written in the past progressive tense.

Greater Depth

- 9b. bought, forgot
- 10b. holding and held, speaking and spoke, spending and spent
- 11b. Past progressive
- 12b. False, the sentence is written in the past progressive tense.