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## A Now Thing Present Tense Verbs

### Reading and Discussion

**Verbs** are action words. They tell us about an **action** or a **state of being**.  
**Tense** tells us **when** the action takes place.

There are three verb **tenses** that we can use:

1. **Present tense** verbs tell us what is happening **now**.

- Maggie **walks** to the store.

**Walks** tells us the action is happening **now**.

2. **Past tense** verbs tell us what happened in the **past**. This could be anytime from five seconds ago to a thousand years ago.

- Maggie walked to the store.

**Walked** tells us the action happened in the **past**.

3. **Future tense** verbs tell that an action will happen in the **future**.

- Maggie **will walk** to the store tomorrow.

**Will walk** tells us the action will happen in the future. When you use future tense, you usually use the helping verb **will** in front of the verb.

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## Activities

**Activity A:** What are the three verb **tenses**? Write them on the lines below.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Activity B:** What are the two kinds of verbs? Write them on the lines below.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Activity C:** What helping verb is used with most future tense verbs? \_\_\_\_\_

**Activity D:** Underline the **present tense** verbs in the sentences below? If it is **not** a present tense verb, do not underline it. Remember that present tense verbs happen **now**. *Hint - there might be more than one verb in a sentence.*

1. Mariah and Taylor walk to school every morning.
2. "I ride the bus when it is cold," Mariah said.
3. "Maybe we will ride the bus next week," Taylor answered.
4. The girls jump over the puddles from last night's rain.
5. The big yellow school bus drives past.
6. Mariah waves at her friend, Lexi.
7. Lexi waved back.
8. "Let's run to school," Taylor said.
9. "Let's race," Mariah said.
10. The school doors open.
11. "We won!" Taylor shouts.
12. The yellow school bus stops at the curb.
13. Lexi jumps down the stairs. "Hi!"
14. "We raced the school bus," Mariah said.
15. "You ran fast," Lexi answers.
16. The school bell rang.

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## Answer Key

### Activity A

1. Present
2. Past
3. Future

### Activity B

1. Action
2. State of being

### Activity C

1. Will

### Activity D

1. Mariah and Taylor walk to school every morning.
2. "I ride the bus when it is cold," Mariah said. (**said** is past tense.)
3. "Maybe we will ride the bus next week," Taylor answered. (**will ride** is future tense and should not be underlined; **answered** is past tense.)
4. The girls jump over the puddles from last night's rain.
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7. Lexi waved back. (**waved** is past tense.)
8. "Let's run to school," Taylor said.
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11. "We won!" Taylor shouts. (**won** is past tense.)
12. The yellow school bus stops at the curb.
13. Lexi jumps down the stairs. "Hi!"
14. "We raced the school bus," Mariah said. (**raced** and **said** are past tense.)
15. "You ran fast," Lexi answers.
16. The school bell rang. (**rang** is past tense.)