

Spot the Mistake

To use past and present tenses correctly in my writing.



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Harrison walked quickly to the dining area.

He is very hungry. was

He wants his dinner. _____

He washes his hands. _____

He joins the queue. _____

He picks up a tray. _____

He looks around the dining hall. _____

Now, write the verbs in the simple past tense. The first one has been done for you.

2. These sentences should be written in the present tense. Underline any verbs that are incorrect.

Mandeep likes to help the younger children in school.

She stayed in and helped the Reception class. was helps

She gave them each an apron. _____

She put paint in the paint pots for them. _____

They painted together. _____

She talked to them. _____

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1. Harrison walked quickly to the dining area.

He is very hungry. *was*

He wants his dinner. *wanted*

He washes his hands. *washed*

He joins the queue. *joined*

He picks up a tray. *picked*

He looks around the dining hall. *looked*

2. Mandeep likes to help the younger children in school.

She stayed in and helped the Reception class. *was* *helps*

She gave them each an apron. *gives*

She put paint in the paint pots for them. *puts*

They painted together. *paint*

She talked to them. *talks*

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was

2. These sentences should be written in the present tense. Underline any verbs that are incorrect.

Mandeep likes to help the younger children in school. She stayed in and helped the Reception class. She gave them each an apron. She passes them some paper. She put paint in the paint pots for them. She always smiled at them and made them laugh.

Now, write the verbs in the simple past tense. The first one has been done for you.

stays

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was, **wanted**, **washed**, **dried**, **picked**, **looked**

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Now, write the words that you underlined in the simple past tense.

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Mandeep likes to help the younger children in school. She stayed in and helped the Reception class. She gave them each an apron. She passes them some paper. She put paint in the paint pots for them. She always smiled at them and made them laugh. The younger children spent a long time on their artwork. Mandeep tried not to take over and she let them do it themselves. She just gave them tips and ideas.

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stays, **helps**, **gives**, **puts**, **smiles**, **makes**, **spend**, **tries**, **lets**, **gives**