

RULES:

- A verb in the present tense tells what is happening now.
- A verb in the past tense tells what happened before.

Example: Present I go to school.

Past I went to school yesterday.

PRACTICE:

Read each sentence carefully. Draw a ring around each verb. Write present or past before each sentence to show the verb tense.

- _____ 1. The children played in the park last week.
- _____ 2. Flower grow in gardens.
- _____ 3. School begins at the same time everyday.
- _____ 4. The bell rings for school to end.
- _____ 5. Many students attend football games.
- _____ 6. Mrs. Johnson paid fifty dollars for those groceries.
- _____ 7. Annette saves one dollar a week.
- _____ 8. Fanny's lessons always cost more than her brother's.
- _____ 9. Sam earned money for cutting grass.
- _____ 10. Lea opened her birthday presents.
- _____ 11. Mrs. Taylor ironed twelve shirts yesterday.
- _____ 12. Miss Eddy teaches third grade.
- _____ 13. Farmers waited all week for rain.
- _____ 14. Andrea helped at the party.
- _____ 15. The elephant lifted the circus tent.