

## Rule 9

Endings are added to verbs to change the tense.

### Present

- add **s** to most verbs\* *swings*
- add **ing** and use a present tense helping verb *is swinging*
- verbs ending in *s, ch, sh, x, or z*—add **es** *catches*
- verbs ending in *y*—change **y** to **i** and add **es** *cries*

### Past

- add **ed** to most verbs *worked*
- add **ing** and use a past tense helping verb *was working*
- verbs ending in a single vowel and consonant—double the final consonant and add **ed** *skipped*
- verbs ending in *e*—drop the **e** and add **ed** *placed*
- verbs ending in *y*—change **y** to **i** and add **ed** *carried*

### Future

- use the main verb with **will** or **shall** *will dance*  
*shall come*

\*See Notes to the Teacher on page 103 for additional information.

## Forming Verb Tenses

# Change the Verb Tense

Write a sentence using each of these verbs in the tense given.

**1.**

(visit—past tense)

**2.**

(catch—future tense)

**3.**

(buzz—present tense)

**4.**

(hurry—past tense)

**5.**

(reach—past tense)

**6.**

(cry—past tense)

**7.**

(make—future tense)

**8.**

(laugh—present tense)

**9.**

(run—future tense)

**10.**

(stop—past tense)

# Past, Present, Future

The paragraph below tells what Darcy plans to do while on vacation next month. Imagine that next month is here. Rewrite the paragraph in the present tense. Then imagine that Darcy's vacation has ended. Rewrite the paragraph in past tense.

Darcy will have a great time when she goes on vacation next month. She will visit Florida. She will stay at an oceanfront hotel. She will swim every day. She will go sailing. She will go fishing. She will make sand castles along the beach. She will play hard each day and sleep hard each night!

**Present Tense:**

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**Past Tense:**

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# Complete the Story

Complete the story by filling in each blank with the given verb in the tense requested. When you have finished, read the story again and circle all the irregular verbs you wrote in the blanks.

Keiko was an orca whale who \_\_\_\_\_ famous for his role  
(become—past tense)

in the movie *Free Willy*. At the end of the movie, Keiko's character Willy  
\_\_\_\_\_ set free. However, the real Keiko \_\_\_\_\_ captive.  
(is—past tense) (remain—past tense)

For years, he was \_\_\_\_\_ in an aquarium much too small for  
(keep—past tense)

his size. As a result, Keiko \_\_\_\_\_ signs of illness. The concern of  
(show—past tense)

children who \_\_\_\_\_ *Free Willy* \_\_\_\_\_ animal  
(watch—past tense) (encourage—past tense)

lovers to try to free Keiko as Willy had been \_\_\_\_\_.  
(free—past tense)

Their efforts \_\_\_\_\_ successful, and Keiko was set free in the  
(are—past tense)

waters off Iceland where he \_\_\_\_\_ born. Keiko \_\_\_\_\_  
(is—past tense) (swim—past tense)

870 miles to Taknes Bay, Norway. Keepers \_\_\_\_\_ him there, but  
(feed—past tense)

Keiko \_\_\_\_\_ free to roam. Keiko \_\_\_\_\_  
(is—past tense) (catch—past tense)

pneumonia and \_\_\_\_\_ at the age of 27.  
(die—past tense)