

## KS3 English Quiz - Verbs (Present and Past Tenses) 01 (Questions)

**Verbs, "doing words", use tenses to show us the time of their action.** The present tense is happening now and the past tense has already happened.

Have you ever listened to sports commentary? Often the commentator will be talking in the present tense: "and she passes the ball to Jones....." Later, after the match or during half-time, the commentators will discuss the match using the past tense: "her decision to pass the ball to Jones led to the team's first try..." In the first sentence, the verb "passes" is in the present tense, and in the second, the verb "led" is in the past tense. Pass/passes are present; passed is past tense. Lead/leads are present tense; led is past.

But what about the verb "pass" in the second sentence? It looks like a present tense verb, doesn't it? If you look again, you'll see that the verb here includes the word "to", "to pass". This is an example of an infinitive, which is neither past nor present. You can often find infinitives joined to other verbs, for example: "Hughes decided to pass the ball to Jones, leading to the try." This sentence is also in the past tense. The verb phrase here is "decided to pass", with "decided" indicating the past tense. If in doubt, have a bash at this quiz on past and present tense verbs.

<p><b>1. Choose the correct tense to fill the gaps in the following sentence.</b> The athletes ..... fast; they each ..... to ..... the record.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ran, hoped, break <input type="checkbox"/> ran, hoped, broke <input type="checkbox"/> run, hope, broke <input type="checkbox"/> running, hoped, break</p>	<p><b>2. Choose the correct tense to fill the gaps in the following sentence.</b> Each competitor ..... to ..... the record he ..... last year.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> is trying, break, set <input type="checkbox"/> is trying, broke, sat <input type="checkbox"/> tried, break, sat <input type="checkbox"/> tried, broke, sat</p>
<p><b>3. Choose the correct tense to fill the gaps in the following sentence.</b> The swimmer ..... to ..... a second off the record she .....</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> is trying, cut, sat <input type="checkbox"/> is trying, cut, set <input type="checkbox"/> tried, cut, sat <input type="checkbox"/> tried, cutting, set</p>	<p><b>4. Choose the correct tense to fill the gaps in the following sentence.</b> The runners ..... round the track now; the crowd .....</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ran, cheered <input type="checkbox"/> run, cheers <input type="checkbox"/> running, cheered <input type="checkbox"/> running, cheers</p>
<p><b>5. Choose the correct tense to fill the gaps in the following sentence.</b> The winners ..... on a podium and ..... their medals.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> stand, receive <input type="checkbox"/> stand, received <input type="checkbox"/> stood, receive <input type="checkbox"/> stood, receiving</p>	<p><b>6. Choose the correct tense to fill the gaps in the following sentence.</b> The crowd ..... the winners as they ..... medals yesterday.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> cheered, receive <input type="checkbox"/> cheered, received <input type="checkbox"/> cheer, received <input type="checkbox"/> cheers, receive</p>
<p><b>7. Choose the correct tense to fill the gaps in the following sentence.</b> The competition ..... yesterday; it ..... for ten days.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> finished, lasted <input type="checkbox"/> finished, lasts <input type="checkbox"/> finishes, lasts <input type="checkbox"/> finish, last</p>	<p><b>8. Choose the correct tense to fill the gaps in the following sentence.</b> The spectators ..... the athletes and ..... them for autographs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> are congratulating, asked <input type="checkbox"/> congratulate, asked <input type="checkbox"/> congratulated, ask <input type="checkbox"/> congratulated, asked</p>
<p><b>9. Choose the correct tense to fill the gaps in the following sentence.</b> The athletes ..... autographs and ..... them to people.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> signed, gave <input type="checkbox"/> signed, give <input type="checkbox"/> sign, gave <input type="checkbox"/> sign, giving</p>	<p><b>10. Choose the correct tense to fill the gaps in the following sentence.</b> The people ..... their cars and ..... home.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> find, driving <input type="checkbox"/> find, drove <input type="checkbox"/> found, drive <input type="checkbox"/> found, drove</p>

## KS3 English Quiz - Verbs (Present and Past Tenses) 01 (Answers)

<p>1. Choose the correct tense to fill the gaps in the following sentence. The athletes ..... fast; they each ..... to ..... the record.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ran, hoped, break  <input type="checkbox"/> ran, hoped, broke  <input type="checkbox"/> run, hope, broke  <input type="checkbox"/> running, hoped, break</p> <p>Today they "run", but yesterday they "ran", which is past tense. "To break" is an infinitive, so this verb is neither past nor present here</p>	<p>2. Choose the correct tense to fill the gaps in the following sentence. Each competitor ..... to ..... the record he ..... last year.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is trying, break, set  <input type="checkbox"/> is trying, broke, sat  <input type="checkbox"/> tried, break, sat  <input type="checkbox"/> tried, broke, sat</p> <p>"Tries" and "is trying" are in the present tense</p>
<p>3. Choose the correct tense to fill the gaps in the following sentence. The swimmer ..... to ..... a second off the record she .....</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> is trying, cut, sat  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is trying, cut, set  <input type="checkbox"/> tried, cut, sat  <input type="checkbox"/> tried, cutting, set</p> <p>Use present tense in writing to involve your reader</p>	<p>4. Choose the correct tense to fill the gaps in the following sentence. The runners ..... round the track now; the crowd .....</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ran, cheered  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> run, cheers  <input type="checkbox"/> running, cheered  <input type="checkbox"/> running, cheers</p> <p>Today the crowd "cheers"; yesterday it "cheered"</p>
<p>5. Choose the correct tense to fill the gaps in the following sentence. The winners ..... on a podium and ..... their medals.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> stand, receive  <input type="checkbox"/> stand, received  <input type="checkbox"/> stood, receive  <input type="checkbox"/> stood, receiving</p> <p>A "podium" is a platform. "Stand" and "receive" are in the present tense</p>	<p>6. Choose the correct tense to fill the gaps in the following sentence. The crowd ..... the winners as they ..... medals yesterday.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> cheered, receive  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cheered, received  <input type="checkbox"/> cheer, received  <input type="checkbox"/> cheers, receive</p> <p>"Cheered" and "received" are in the past tense; it happened yesterday</p>
<p>7. Choose the correct tense to fill the gaps in the following sentence. The competition ..... yesterday; it ..... for ten days.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> finished, lasted  <input type="checkbox"/> finished, lasts  <input type="checkbox"/> finishes, lasts  <input type="checkbox"/> finish, last</p> <p>The past tense is used here because the event happened yesterday</p>	<p>8. Choose the correct tense to fill the gaps in the following sentence. The spectators ..... the athletes and ..... them for autographs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> are congratulating, asked  <input type="checkbox"/> congratulate, asked  <input type="checkbox"/> congratulated, ask  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> congratulated, asked</p> <p>Match both verb tenses so this sentence uses "congratulated" and "asked"</p>
<p>9. Choose the correct tense to fill the gaps in the following sentence. The athletes ..... autographs and ..... them to people.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> signed, gave  <input type="checkbox"/> signed, give  <input type="checkbox"/> sign, gave  <input type="checkbox"/> sign, giving</p> <p>This sentence requires both verbs to be in the past tense, so uses "signed" and "gave"</p>	<p>10. Choose the correct tense to fill the gaps in the following sentence. The people ..... their cars and ..... home.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> find, driving  <input type="checkbox"/> find, drove  <input type="checkbox"/> found, drive  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> found, drove</p> <p>Match verb tenses here, so "found" and "drove", both in the past tense, are correct</p>