

Verb tenses: simple present and past

Verb tenses tell us when an action happened — present or past.

Examples:

Simple present tense: We swim at the creek.

Simple past tense: Two weeks ago, we swam at the creek.

Underline the verb in each sentence and write present or past in the space.

- She dived in the competition.
- Jenna always sleeps during the news.
- The group made the largest sandcastle in the world.
- It's quite a gift that he sings so beautifully.

Make each sentence past tense using a word in the box.

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- In the past, stockmen _____ horses when droving stock.
- During the war, brave soldiers _____ to keep us free.
- Billy _____ the story of his narrow escape last week.
- Years ago, people _____ on their verandas in summer.

Read the story and write either present or past next to the numbered verbs.

Our adventure holiday was amazing! We swam (9) _____ with dolphins and we dived (10) _____ off a bridge 80 metres high for a bungee jump. Each night we slept (11) _____ in tents in the jungle. We made (12) _____ our own breakfast each morning and at night we ate some amazing food. Now that we are back, I tell (13) _____ all my friends about the fantastic time I had. Some of my friends say (14) _____ they are signing up. We know (15) _____ the trip is well worth the money.

Score 2 points for each correct answer!

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Contractions

A contraction is when two words are shortened and combined to make one word. An apostrophe (') is used in place of the missing letter/s.

Examples: do not - don't, I am - I'm

Write the full words for the contractions in the sentence. Use words from the box.

we had who had when is we have

- We'd best be leaving, we might be late.
- When's the bus arriving from swimming?
- We've had a great time in the park.
- Who'd been standing at that desk?

Letter teams -tious, -cious

Some letter teams have the same sound but different spelling. The sound at the end of a word ending in -tious or -cious says shus.

5-8 Circle the 4 words that end in a shus sound.

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|--------------|--------------|
| a delicious | d spacious |
| b cautious | e suspicious |
| c tremendous | f fabulous |

Choose the aw/or sounds from the box to complete the words.

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- Harry loves playing indoor football in the h_____.
 - After the band played, the _____ dience clapped for ages.
 - In ancient Rome, people did not use a f_____ k to eat their food.
 - P_____ ing the gold into its mould was very hot work.
 - 13-14 Underline the 2 compound words and then split them with a /. Example: post/man
- | | |
|--------------|------------|
| a witchcraft | c wireless |
| b delightful | d rainbow |

Score 2 points for each correct answer!

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Nova Peris

Informative text - Report

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Nova Peris has many firsts to her name and is a passionate spokeswoman for Indigenous peoples.

Born in Darwin, Nova Peris showed great athletic ability from an early age. She excelled at every sport, including touch football, swimming and cricket. On Saturdays, she ran at Little Athletics meetings and dreamed of one day running at the Olympic Games.

Peris also began playing hockey. She moved to Perth in 1992 to join the hockey program at the Western Australian Institute of Sport. By this time, Peris had a child. She juggled work, training and bringing up her daughter by herself.

Peris was selected for the national hockey team, the Hockeyroos. At the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games, the Hockeyroos beat South Korea in the final. Peris became the first Indigenous Australian to win an Olympic gold medal.

Source: Great Indigenous Australians, Go Facts, Blake Education.

Write or circle the correct answer.

- Where did Nova Peris move to to be part of a hockey program?
a ten b two c none
- How many Indigenous people had won a gold medal before 1996?
a ten b two c none
- What were 3 sports in which Nova Peris showed her excellence?
- What does it mean, Nova Peris 'juggled work, training and bringing up her daughter'?
a Nova Peris was able to juggle babies.
b Nova Peris was able to give time to all of these things.
c Nova Peris could take her daughter with her when working.
- Where did Nova Peris win her first gold medal?

- What native animal has part of its name in the name Hockeyroos?
a wombat b koala c kangaroo
- What was Nova Peris' dream as a child in Darwin?
- What does Little Athletics probably mean?
a athletics for small people
b athletics for small children
c athletics for adults to take part in

Score 2 points for each correct answer!

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