

# Grammar

## Booster 5: Past tense

### Key learning

Tenses are used to indicate when an action happened. Is it happening now, did it happen in the past or will it happen in the future? When we write about an event or action that happened in the past, the verb (the doing word) needs to be in the past tense.

The table shows some verbs you might use to indicate when the action is taking place. Note the letters that change to alter the spelling of the verbs.

Past	Present	Future
I ran	I run	I will run
I stopped	I stop	I will stop
I cooked	I cook	I will cook
I went	I go	I am going

### Worked example:

Select the correct verb to complete the following sentences. The first one has been done for you.

- (a) Last night he **mowed** the lawn.                      mowed                      will mow
- (b) Last winter the lake was \_\_\_\_\_.                      froze                      frozen
- (c) On Sunday I \_\_\_\_\_ some bread.                      baked                      bake
- (d) Maria \_\_\_\_\_ me some flowers.                      given                      gave

### Answers:

- (a) Last night he **mowed** the lawn.
- (b) Last winter the lake was **frozen**.
- (c) On Sunday I **baked** some bread.
- (d) Maria **gave** me some flowers.

### Your turn:

Look at the table below and circle all the verbs that describe action happening in the past.

I went	The dog sat	We are building	It was fun	I slept	Sammy eats
Lucy drove	Jason lives	They laugh	She goes	He forgot	Beth typed
They did	He danced	Emma sang	Aaron wrote	The cat sits	Let's clean
I crouched	Teresa ate	I am talking	He'll post	He posted	Tyrone jumped
Ahmet lived	We are swimming	I will jog	James forgets	They are	I will write