RULE SHEET

Mixed tenses



Look at the **signal words**. They tell you the time, and the time tells you the tense.

tense	use	form	signal words
simple present	habits, facts	She **plays**. She doesn't play.	every day, usually, on Mondays
present progressive	now	She **is playing**.	now, at the moment, Look!
simple past	finished past	She **played**. She **went**.	yesterday, last week, ago
going to	plans, signs now	She **is going to play**.	next week (plan), Look at the clouds!
will	predictions, quick decisions, offers, promises	She **will play**.	I think, probably, one day

One boy, five tenses

- Leo **trains** with his team every Saturday.
- Right now he **is cleaning** his football boots.
- Last Saturday he **scored** two goals.
- He **is going to play** again next Sunday. That is his plan.
- I think his team **will win** the cup.

Watch out! he / she / it + **-s** only in the simple present: she **plays**. After **did**, **does** and **will** comes the base form: Did you **go**? (not: Did you went?) She will **come**. (not: will comes) Irregular past forms: go → **went**, buy → **bought**, write → **wrote**.

PRACTICE 1

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Signal words

1 Look at the signal words. Tick the correct verb form.

1. Every year we _____ to the seaside. ○ go ○ goes ○ are going
2. Look! The dog _____ in the garden. ○ plays ○ is playing ○ played
3. Three days ago Finn _____ his leg. ○ breaks ○ broke ○ will break
4. I'm sure our team _____ the next match. ○ wins ○ won ○ will win
5. Ella has got her swimsuit and a towel. She _____ swim.
   ○ is going to ○ went ○ swims
6. _____ Leo walk to school yesterday? ○ Does ○ Did ○ Is
7. The sun _____ in the east. ○ rises ○ rise ○ is rising
8. It's cold in here. – OK, I _____ close the window. ○ will ○ closed ○ close

2 Match the signal words and the tense. Write the letter.

1. ☐ at the moment
2. ☐ last Friday
3. ☐ every morning
4. ☐ Look at those clouds!
5. ☐ I think … one day

a. simple past
b. present progressive
c. going to
d. simple present
e. will