Spot the Mistake

To use past and present tenses correctly in my writing.

 These sentences should be written in the past tense. Underline any verbs that are incorrect.

Harrison walked quickly to the dining area.

He is very hungry. was

He <u>wants</u> his dinner.

He washes his hands.

He joins the queue.

He picks up a tray.

He looks around the dining hall.

Now, write the verbs in the simple past tense. The first one has been done for you.

2. These sentences should be written in the present tense. Underline any verbs that are incorrect.

Mandeep likes to help the younger children in school.

She <u>stayed</u> in and <u>helped</u> the Reception class. <u>stays</u> <u>helps</u>

She gave them each an apron.

She put paint in the paint pots for them.

They painted together.

She talked to them.

Now, write the verbs in the simple present tense. The first one has been done for you.





Spot the Mistake Answers

1. Harrison walked quickly to the dining area.

He is very hungry. was

He wants his dinner. wanted

He washes his hands. washed

He joins the queue. joined

He picks up a tray. picked

He <u>looks</u> around the dining hall. *looked*

2. Mandeep likes to help the younger children in school.

She stayed in and helped the Reception class. stays helps

She gave them each an apron. gives

She <u>put</u> paint in the paint pots for them. **puts**

They <u>painted</u> together. **paint**

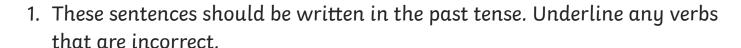
She talked to them. talks





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Harrison walked quickly to the dining area. He <u>is</u> very hungry and wants his dinner. He washes his hands and dries them with a paper towel. Next, he joined the queue and picks up a tray. He looks around the dining hall.

Now, write the verbs in the simple past tense. The first one has been done for you.

was

2. These sentences should be written in the present tense. Underline any verbs that are incorrect.

Mandeep likes to help the younger children in school. She <u>stayed</u> in and helped the Reception class. She gave them each an apron. She passes them some paper. She put paint in the paint pots for them. She always smiled at them and made them laugh.

Now, write the verbs in the simple past tense. The first one has been done for you.

stays





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1. Harrison walked quickly to the dining area. He <u>is</u> very hungry and <u>wants</u> his dinner. He <u>washes</u> his hands and <u>dries</u> them with a paper towel. Next, he joined the queue and <u>picks</u> up a tray. He <u>looks</u> around the dining hall.

was, wanted, washed, dried, picked, looked

2. Mandeep likes to help the younger children in school. She <u>stayed</u> in and <u>helped</u> the Reception class. She <u>gave</u> them each an apron. She passes them some paper. She <u>put</u> paint in the paint pots for them. She always <u>smiled</u> at them and <u>made</u> them laugh.

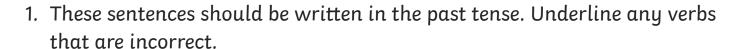
stays, helps, gives, puts, smiles, makes





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Harrison walked quickly to the dining area. He <u>is</u> very hungry and wants his dinner. He washes his hands and dries them with a paper towel. Next, he joined the queue and picks up a tray and carries it to the serving area. He looks around the dining hall. He thinks about the dessert and grins to himself.

Now, write the words that you underlined in the simple past tense.

was

2. These sentences should be written in the present tense. Underline any verbs that are incorrect.

Mandeep likes to help the younger children in school. She <u>stayed</u> in and helped the Reception class. She gave them each an apron. She passes them some paper. She put paint in the paint pots for them. She always smiled at them and made them laugh. The younger children spent a long time on their artwork. Mandeep tried not to take over and she let them do it themselves. She just gave them tips and ideas.

Now, write the words that you underlined in the simple present tense.

stays





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1. Harrison walked quickly to the dining area. He <u>is</u> very hungry and <u>wants</u> his dinner. He <u>washes</u> his hands and <u>dries</u> them with a paper towel. Next, he joined the queue and <u>picks</u> up a tray and <u>carries</u> it to the serving area. He <u>looks</u> around the dining hall. He <u>thinks</u> about the dessert and <u>grins</u> to himself.

was, wanted, washed, dried, picked, carried, looked, thought, grinned

2. Mandeep likes to help the younger children in school. She <u>stayed</u> in and <u>helped</u> the Reception class. She <u>gave</u> them each an apron. She passes them some paper. She <u>put</u> paint in the paint pots for them. She always <u>smiled</u> at them and <u>made</u> them laugh. The younger children <u>spent</u> a long time on their artwork. Mandeep <u>tried</u> not to take over and she <u>let</u> them do it themselves. She just <u>gave</u> them tips and ideas.

stays, helps, gives, puts, smiles, makes, spend, tries, lets, gives



