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**CONVENTIONS** ▶ **VERB TENSES**

A **verb** expresses an action or a state of being. The **tense** of a verb shows when the action happens or the state exists. Always make sure your verb tenses show the time you mean. In English, there are six common verb tenses.

<b>Present Tense</b>	Action is happening now or happens regularly.	Paul <u>washes</u> the car.
<b>Past Tense</b>	Action has already happened.	Paul <u>washed</u> the car.
<b>Future Tense</b>	Action will happen later.	Paul <u>will wash</u> the car.
<b>Present Perfect Tense</b>	Action happened in the past and may still be happening now.	Paul <u>has washed</u> the car.
<b>Past Perfect Tense</b>	Action ended before another action in the past.	Paul <u>had washed</u> the car by the time the sun set.
<b>Future Perfect Tense</b>	Action will have ended before a specific time.	Paul <u>will have washed</u> the car by the time we are ready to leave.

**DIRECTIONS:** The verb in each sentence is underlined. Identify the tense of the verb by writing *present, past, future, present perfect, past perfect, or future perfect* on the line provided.

- \_\_\_\_\_ A crowd has formed outside the stadium.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chessa sings in the school chorus and in the choir.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The geese built their nests in the same places as last year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ By the time I got back to the table, our meals had arrived.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Pecos River flows through canyons and past meadows.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sam and his father will climb Emory Peak this summer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ By 9:00 A.M., Mrs. Peng will have started her yoga class.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Bryants have already chosen a groomer for their dogs.

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**A. DIRECTIONS:** Underline the verb in each sentence. Then, identify the tense of the verb by writing *present*, *past*, *future*, *present perfect*, *past perfect*, or *future perfect* on the line provided.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The gerbil has escaped again from its cage!
2. \_\_\_\_\_ The hikers will have returned by sundown.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The craft of origami takes patience and focus.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ By morning, the lake had frozen solid.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Ina and Paco will rehearse their parts for the first scene.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ For days, rescuers searched in the rubble for survivors.

**B. DIRECTIONS:** Complete each sentence by writing the correct verb form on the line provided. The information in parentheses tells you which verb and tense to use.

1. (future tense of *stop*) Ava \_\_\_\_\_ at the café for a quick lunch.
2. (past perfect tense of *answer*) The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the same question the day before.
3. (present perfect tense of *cover*) The snow \_\_\_\_\_ the roofs and lawns already.
4. (present tense of *bake*) Every weekend, Mr. Gondrella \_\_\_\_\_ an assortment of bread and rolls.
5. (future perfect tense of *visit*) By the end of the trip, we \_\_\_\_\_ eight different cities and towns in Germany.
6. (past tense of *roll*) Suddenly, a huge boulder \_\_\_\_\_ down the side of the mountain.