

Tenses: Spotting Mistakes

Correct the Sentences

Shobna has been writing some sentences. Tick the ones that are correct and rewrite the ones that are incorrect.

I tried to draw a horse but actually I have drawn a donkey.

You have been working hard on your handwriting and it looks great.

When we come to your house we always played hide and seek.

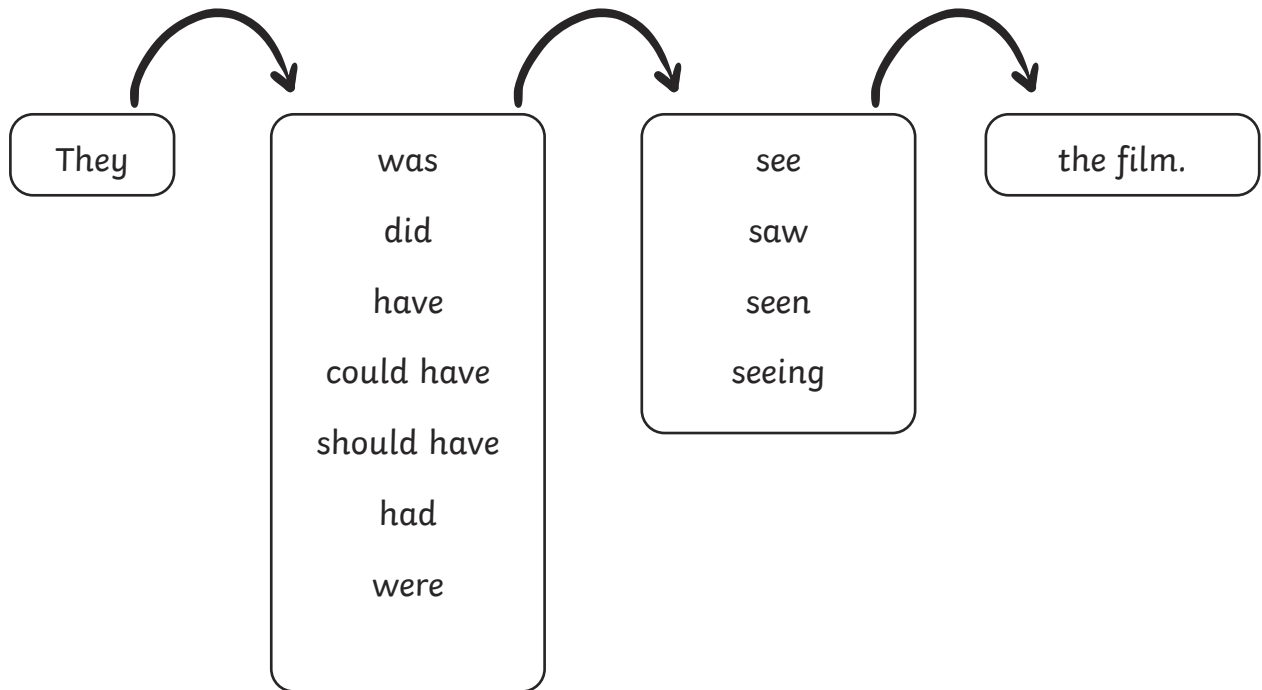
Lola, my best friend, drank the fizzy pop really quickly.

I told the teacher that the pencil had been broken before I picking it up.

When my mum went to the shop, she could buy me some sweets but she didn't.

Sentence Machine

This sentence machine creates sentences. You follow the arrows to choose the parts to make a sentence.



Carrie says, "I can make six sentences that make sense."

Is she right?

Present Progressive and Past Progressive

Selma has been practising using the past progressive and present progressive verb forms. Tick the correct sentences.

I am helping my sister with her homework last night.

We are washing the car this morning.

We was washed the car this morning.

I was helping her with her homework last night.

We washing the car this morning.

I helping her with her homework last night.

We were washing the car this morning.

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Present Perfect and Past Perfect

Read each sentence, then rewrite it in the present perfect and past perfect tenses.

I walked to the shop.

Present perfect tense: _____

Past perfect tense: _____

I shut the door to keep the warmth in.

Present perfect tense: _____

Past perfect tense: _____

We drank the tea with a small amount of sugar.

Present perfect tense: _____

Past perfect tense: _____

Dan left his jumper on the bus.

Present perfect tense: _____

Past perfect tense: _____

I forgot to tell you about my accident.

Present perfect tense: _____

Past perfect tense: _____

Modal Verbs

Tick the sentences that use a modal verb.

You must know that I trust you.

Rosa should have explained her reasons.

When we changed the tyre, we tried to lift the car ourselves but it was impossible.

Max can't come to the park as he is busy.

Simeon pulled with all his might but the log did not budge.

You couldn't have known that the pool was so cold.

I think I may have a cold.

We were hoping to catch a glimpse of the red panda but it refused to come out.

Match the Sentence

Read each sentence and match it to the correct description.

It was requested that I check my change in the shop.

I saw my friends on the way to the shop but they was too busy chatting to see me.

I am taking my purse to the shop with some coins and notes.

I was given my change by the shop assistant.

I was looking for some tasty treats on the shelves.

I have checked my change carefully.

I chose my items in the shop: milk, apples, crisps and fizzy sweets.

There could have been a mistake with the amount of change.

I had paid for my items with a ten pound note.

This sentence uses the simple past tense.

This sentence uses the present progressive tense.

This sentence uses the past perfect tense.

This sentence uses the passive voice.

This sentence uses the subjunctive form.

This sentence uses a modal verb.

This sentence uses the past progressive tense.

This sentence uses non-standard English.

This sentence uses the present perfect tense.

Tenses: Spotting Mistakes and Revising Verb Forms Answers

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Sentence Machine

Carrie is incorrect. She can make eight sentences:

- They did see the film.
- They have seen the film
- They could have seen the film.
- They should have seen the film.
- They had seen the film
- They were seeing the film.
- They see the film.
- They saw the film.

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