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Tenses in Context: Learn and Practice

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Read each question. Circle the best answer.

💡 Verb Tenses in Context

- Time clue words tell you when something happens.
- Yesterday points to the past, now points to the present, and tomorrow points to the future.
- Tomorrow we will visit the zoo.

1 🍲 What tense is this sentence? Dad will cook dinner tonight.

A. past and present B. future tense

C. past tense D. present tense

2 🎭 Choose the verb: Next week, the class ___ a play.

A. performed B. will perform

C. was performing D. has performed

3 🪥 Choose the verb: Lee is a good brusher. He ___ his teeth every day.

A. brushed B. brushes C. will brush

D. brushing

4 🧹 Choose the verb: Yesterday I ___ my room.

A. will clean B. cleans C. clean D. cleaned

5 👶 What tense is this sentence? The baby sleeps in her crib.

A. future tense B. past tense C. present tense

D. past and future

6 🏕️ Choose the verb: Last summer, our family ___ a cabin.

A. renting B. rented C. rents D. will rent

7 Which word is a clue that something happened in the past?

A. tomorrow B. next C. now D. yesterday

8 🏖️ Choose the verb: Tomorrow we ___ to the beach.

A. went B. will go C. goes D. gone

✏️ Explain it! In your own words, write the rule for tenses in context and one example.

ANSWER KEY

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1 🍲 What tense is this sentence? Dad will cook dinner tonight.

A. past and present **B. future tense**

C. past tense D. present tense

Will cook tells about something that has not happened yet, so it is future tense.

2 🎭 Choose the verb: Next week, the class ___ a play.

A. performed **B. will perform**

C. was performing D. has performed

Next week is in the future, so will perform is correct.

3 🪥 Choose the verb: Lee is a good brusher. He ___ his teeth every day.

A. brushed **B. brushes** C. will brush

D. brushing

Is and every day show the present, so brushes fits.

4 🧹 Choose the verb: Yesterday I ___ my room.

A. will clean B. cleans C. clean **D. cleaned**

Yesterday is in the past, so the verb is cleaned.

5 👶 What tense is this sentence? The baby sleeps in her crib.

A. future tense B. past tense **C. present tense**

D. past and future

Sleeps tells what is happening now, so it is present tense.

6 🏕️ Choose the verb: Last summer, our family ___ a cabin.

A. renting **B. rented** C. rents D. will rent

Last summer already happened, so we use the past tense, rented.

7 Which word is a clue that something happened in the past?

A. tomorrow B. next C. now **D. yesterday**

Yesterday means the day before today, so it points to the past.

8 🏖️ Choose the verb: Tomorrow we ___ to the beach.

A. went **B. will go** C. goes D. gone

Tomorrow is in the future, so we use will go.