

Talking About Things in the Present

A verb is a 'doing' or 'being' word

Use verbs to describe what something **does** or **is**.

EXAMPLES:

I **buy** petrol every week.

Jack **is** the safety officer.

This is a 'doing' word.

This is a 'being' word.

Use the present tense to say what is happening now

Most verbs in the **present tense** follow the same **verb pattern**:

EXAMPLE:

If you're writing about 'I', 'you', 'we' or 'they', you don't need to change the verb.

I	make
You	make
We	make
They	make

He	make <u>s</u>
She	make <u>s</u>
It	make <u>s</u>

If you're writing about 'he', 'she' or 'it' you need to add an 's' to the end of the verb.

How you change the verb depends on who is doing it

Use the **verb pattern** to work out the correct ending.

1.

I **make** the bed.

The verb table shows that you don't need to change the verb when you're writing about 'I'.

2.

She **makes** cupcakes.

You need to add an 's' to the verb because you're talking about 'she'.

3.

They **sell** bicycles.

You don't need to change the verb when you're writing about 'they'.

4.

It **sells** furniture.

You need to add an 's' to the verb because you're talking about 'it'.

Talking About Things in the Past

Use the past tense to say what has already happened

EXAMPLES:

1. For most verbs you need to add 'ed' to the end to make them past tense.

walk → I **walked**

touch → You **touched**

2. If the verb already ends in 'e', just add a 'd' to the end.

hope → They **hoped**

invite → We **invited**

Not all past tense verbs add 'ed'

1) Some verbs follow their own **patterns**.

You need to learn these exceptions.

EXAMPLES:

Verb	Past Tense
I do	I did
I have	I had
I see	I saw
I get	I got
I take	I took

Verb	Past Tense
I am / We are	I was / We were
I go	I went
I make	I made
I come	I came
I think	I thought

Use 'was' for 'I', 'he', 'she' and 'it'.
Use 'were' for 'you', 'we' and 'they'.

2) Some verbs **don't change** at all in the past tense.

EXAMPLES:

cut put hit set cost let