

# TENSES

Complete the following sentences using appropriate tense forms.

1. My father ..... for a brisk walk in the evening.

- go
- goes
- is going

2. We ..... for Singapore next Monday.

- leave
- are leaving
- have left


3. I ..... all my problems.

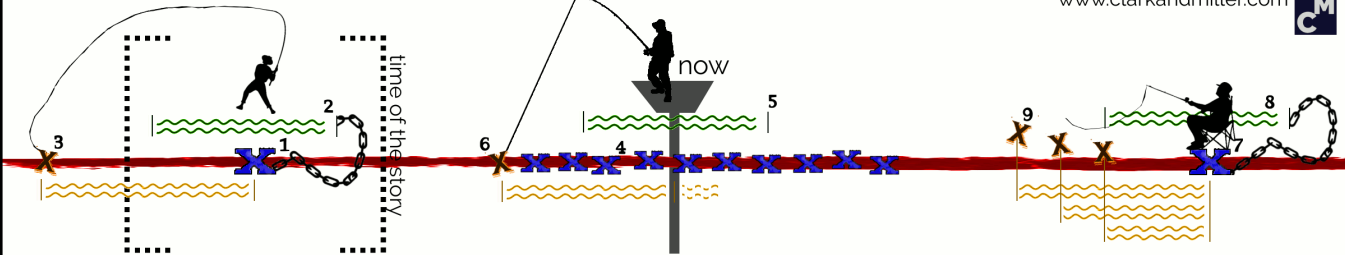
- solve
- have solved
- have solving

4. We ..... here for four years.

- are living
- have lived
- live
- have living

# Tenses and their use

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## PAST

## PRESENT

## FUTURE

**1. Past simple**  
**X**

Describes main events or states in the past

Make sure the speaker and the listener know when this happened.

Use with past time phrases: yesterday, last week, when you were 12

**2. Past continuous**

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Describes the "background" events and actions in the story

Always use with the past simple or another past continuous tense

or

when both the speaker and the listener know the context.

**3. Past perfect  
(and past perfect continuous)**

X |~~~~~|

Describes actions and events that happened before the story time

Always use with the past simple

or

when both the speaker and the listener know the context.

**4. Present simple**  
**X**

Describes actions that happen regularly

or

statements that are always true

**5. Present continuous**

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Describes actions happening now

Especially:

unfinished actions  
changing actions  
temporary actions

**6. Present perfect  
(and present perfect continuous)**

X |~~~~~|

Describes actions and events that are connected to the present

The time frame started in the past and is continuing.

The effect of a past action is still important now.

The action started in the past and is continuing now.

**7. Future simple**  
**X**

Describes single actions in the future

different forms including:

"will"  
"going to"

**8. Future continuous**

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Describes long actions in the future

Make sure the speaker and the listener know when this will happen.

Use to describe actions and events that are "under control."

**9. Future perfect  
(and future perfect continuous)**

X |~~~~~|

Describes actions that will happen at some point in the future

Always connect it to a specific time in the future.

Good for describing deadlines

Make sentences about the fisherman Jim.

# Kahoot – various tenses exercise

Play at home with the Kahoot app

- <https://kahoot.it/challenge/0331760>
- PIN: 0331760

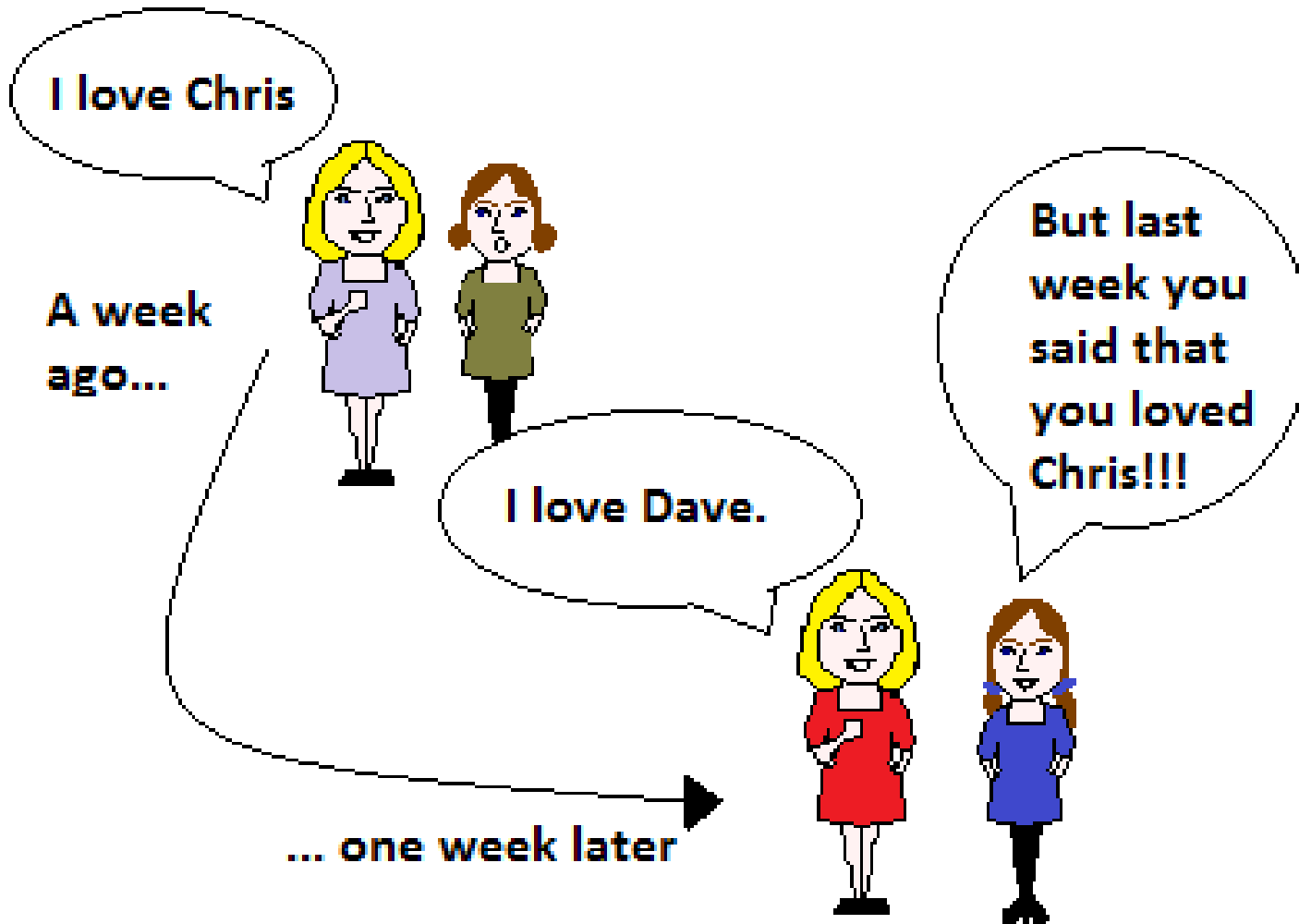
# Kahoot:

past simple X present perfect

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# Reported Speech



# Reported Speech

Present → **Past**

Past → **Past perfect**

Present perfect → **Past perfect**

Will → **Would**

Can → **Could**

Tom said: "I have been to England twice."

Tom said (that) he had been to England twice.

He told me: "I will join you."

He told me (that) he would join me.

# Reported Speech - Questions

- John asked me: “Do you speak English?”  
John asked me whether/if I spoke English.
- Mike asked: “Where is my umbrella?”  
Mike asked where his umbrella was.



## REPORTED SPEECH CHEAT-SHEET

**DIRECT SPEECH:** the exact words someone said. We use quotation marks:  
"I like onion soup," she said.

**REPORTED SPEECH:** someone tells us what someone else said. We don't use quotation marks:  
She said that she liked onion soup.

### SIX CHANGES:

PRONOUNS  
EXPRESSIONS OF TIME AND PLACE  
VERB TENSES  
FOR QUESTIONS  
WORD ORDER  
QUESTION WORD

### SAY or TELL?

SAY · SOMETHING

*He said he liked onion soup.*

TELL · SOMEONE · SOMETHING

*He told us he liked onion soup.*

PRESENT SIMPLE

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

PRESENT PERFECT

PAST SIMPLE

PAST CONTINUOUS

PAST PERFECT

WILL

FUTURE CONTINUOUS

FUTURE PERFECT

CAN

MUST / HAVE TO

SHOULD

INFINITIVE

IMPERATIVE (do it)

PAST SIMPLE

PAST CONTINUOUS

PAST PERFECT

PAST PERFECT

PAST PERF. CONT.

DOESN'T CHANGE

WOULD

WOULD BE · ING

WOULD HAVE · P.P.


COULD

HAD TO

SHOULD HAVE · P.P.


TO BE · P.P.

INFINITIVE (to do it)



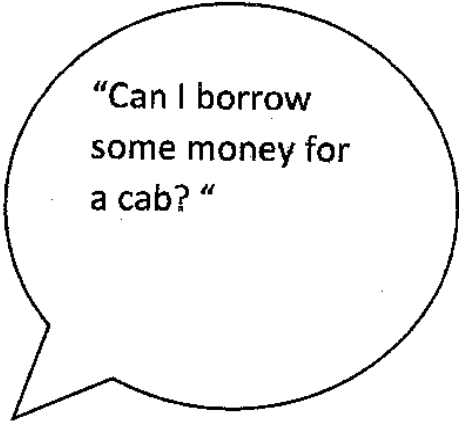
"I will reply to his email tomorrow."

**He said (that) he would reply to his email the following day.**



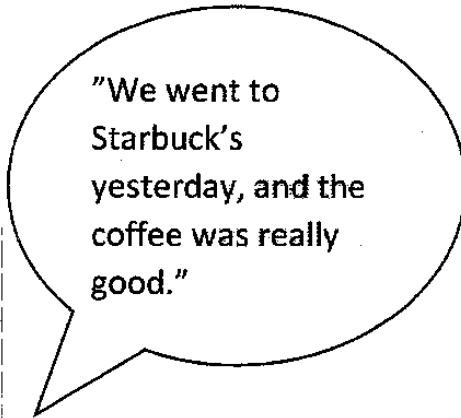
"We are going to England next week for a few days."

**He said (that) they were going to England the following week.**



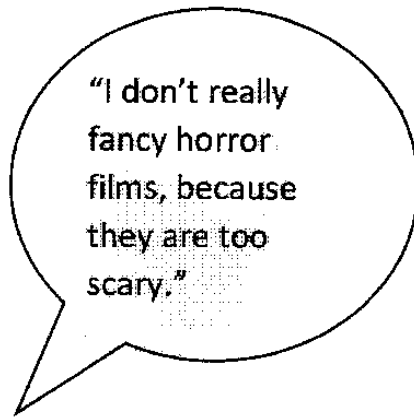
"Can I borrow some money for a cab?"

**He asked if/whether he could borrow some money for a cab.**




"We went to Starbuck's yesterday, and the coffee was really good."

**He said (that) they had gone to Starbuck's the previous day and that the coffee had been really good.**



"I don't really fancy horror films, because they are too scary."

**He said (that) he didn't/doesn't fancy horror films, because they were/are too scary.**



"I have never been to the United States before."

**He said (that) he had never been to the United States before.**