

Select the Tense

The tense of a verb tells you when the action of the verb takes place.

- **Present tense** means now:
I am reading this paper.
- **Past tense** means any time before now:
I read the paper yesterday.
- **Future tense** means not yet, but any time in the future:
I will read the paper tomorrow.

Write **present**, **past** or **future** for each of the following sentences.

1. We learned about ancient Egyptians last year. _____
2. We will learn about ancient Greeks this year. _____
3. Grandfather will take me on a train ride next month. _____
4. Toby and I are riding our bikes at the park. _____
5. Dinner was ready half an hour ago. _____
6. I am walking to school. _____
7. I will ride my bike to school on Friday. _____
8. The tunnel is dark at night. _____
9. Bill Peet wrote "The Luckiest One of All". _____
10. Mr. Vaughn will retire next June. _____
11. The mountains are tall. _____
12. I am washing the car. _____
13. Billy will start college in September. _____
14. Lucas is playing video games. _____
15. Marie Curie was a scientist. _____

