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To use past and present tenses correctly in my writing.



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2. Change these sentences so that they are written in the simple past tense.  
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- John watches the football on TV.  
John **watched** football on TV.
- He walks to school.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ to school.
- Layla paddles in the sea.  
Layla \_\_\_\_\_ in the sea.
- Uri cooks for all the family.  
Uri \_\_\_\_\_ for all the family.

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2. b. He **walked** to school.
- c. Layla **paddled** in the sea.
- d. Uri **cooked** for all the family.

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a. John watches the football on TV.

John **watched** football on TV.

b. He jogs to school.

He \_\_\_\_\_ to school.

c. Layla paddles in the sea.

Layla \_\_\_\_\_ in the sea.

d. I sing loudly in assembly.

I \_\_\_\_\_ loudly in assembly.

3. Change these sentences so that they are written in the simple present tense. The first one has been done for you.

a. Anna finished her dinner slowly.  
Anna **finishes** her dinner slowly.

b. I tidied my bedroom.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ my bedroom.

c. She hugged her little brother.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ her little brother.

d. Hari wrote to his grandparents.  
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knew	<b>know</b>

2. b. He *jogged* to school.  
c. Layla *paddled* in the sea.  
d. I *sang* loudly in assembly.
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a. John watches the football on TV.  
John **watched** football on TV.

b. He sits quietly on the chair.

He \_\_\_\_\_ quietly on the chair.

c. She smiles warmly at her classmates.

She \_\_\_\_\_ warmly at her classmates.

d. Sofia throws the javelin with great skill.

Sofia \_\_\_\_\_ the javelin with great skill.

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a. Anna finished her dinner slowly.

Anna **finishes** her dinner slowly.

b. Oliver carried the heaviest bags.

Oliver \_\_\_\_\_ the heaviest bags.

c. She swapped her stickers for conkers.

She \_\_\_\_\_ her stickers for conkers.

d. The family travelled to Scotland for winter.

The family \_\_\_\_\_ to Scotland for winter.

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2. b. He **sat** quietly on the chair.  
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d. Sofia **threw** the javelin with great skill.
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