

I can identify the present and past tense of verbs.

Verb tenses tell you when something happens. The verb changes in the different tenses.

The present tense is used for actions that take place in the present time.

The past tense is used for actions that have already taken place.

The past tense is usually used for writing stories and historical accounts.

You can often add **ed** to a verb to make it past tense.

But not all verbs follow the **ed** rule.

Here are some examples:

is - was	are - were	can - could	go - went
take - took	have - had	grow - grew	keep - kept
give - gave	dwelt - dwelt	sleep - slept	eat - ate



Life in the Middle Ages

This passage has been written in the present tense instead of the past tense. Write the past tense of the verbs above the underlined words.

The majority of people in the medieval period live in the country and labour in the fields as farmers. They grow crops such as barley, wheat and oats. They sometimes keep animals such as chickens, pigs and cows. They give most of what they earn to the local lord who owns the land. They mostly eat vegetables. They have very hard lives.

It isn't much easier in the city. Most towns and cities suffer from overcrowding and they are very dirty. Here they work as craftsmen and belong to a guild. Young boys serve as apprentices for seven years learning their craft. Other jobs include servants, merchants and bakers.

Some lords and their families reside in spacious castles, but most people dwell in small one or two-room homes. The whole family often sleep together in the one room and sometimes share the room with their animals. It can be very smelly! In winter they snuggle up to the pigs just to stay warm!

Oink! -

