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# Present, Past, and Future Tenses

**Directions** Choose a verb from the word bank to replace each underlined verb.

Write the sentence.

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1. A boat moves slowly out onto the ocean. **Possible answers:**

**A boat sails slowly out onto the ocean.**

2. The people on the boat talk excitedly.

**The people on the boat chatter excitedly.**

3. Last week the people on the boat watched many whales.

**Last week the people on the boat spotted many whales.**

4. Suddenly, a spout of water jumps out of the ocean.

**Suddenly, a spout of water sprays out of the ocean.**

**Directions** Write three sentences about whales. Use present tense in one sentence, past tense in one sentence, and future tense in one sentence.

**Possible answer: Whales stay in the water all the time. They looked huge. You will see whales at the aquarium.**



**Home Activity** Your child learned how to use present, past, and future tenses in writing. Ask your child to write three sentences about an after-school activity using a different tense in each sentence. Have your child identify the tense of each sentence.