

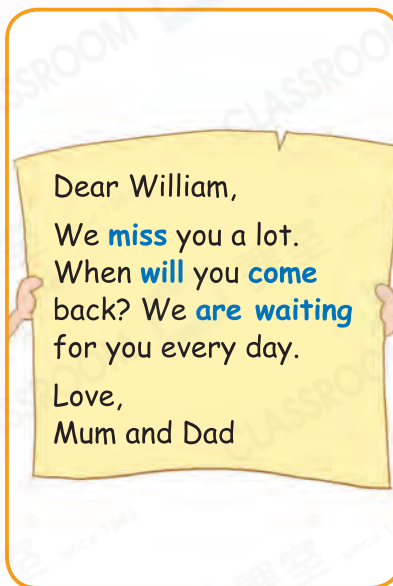
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# Leaving The Castle

Tenses – Present, Past & Future



## Grammar in Focus

We use the **simple present tense** to talk about facts and habits.

John **takes** a bath at 8 o'clock every day.

We use the **present continuous tense** to talk about things that are taking place at the time of speaking.

Peter and Lily **are chatting** online now.

We use the **simple past tense** to talk about past activities.

James **spoke** to his cousin two days ago.

We use the **simple future tense** to talk about things that we think or hope will happen in the future.

Linda **will travel** to Taiwan next month.



Mistakes Corner

✓ Did you **have** breakfast?    ✗ Did you **had** breakfast?


1. Did Sam ( **A** sleep / **B** slept ) last night?
2. I didn't ( **A** spoke / **B** speak ) to Mr Chan yesterday.

**A. Mr Metal is saying something to William. Complete the puzzle using the correct tenses of the given verbs to see what he says.**

- e.g. **COME**  
(Present continuous is / am / are + ?)
- 1. **TAKE**  
(Present continuous is / am / are + ?)
- 2. **SHUT**  
(Simple past)
- 3. **LOSE**  
(Simple past)

4. I'll \_\_\_\_\_ you!

	e.g. C	O	4. M	I	N	G
1.						
			2.			
3.						



**B. Mr Metal hears people talking outside the castle. Fill in the blanks using the simple present or present continuous tense.**

e.g. Sam \_\_\_\_\_ is doing \_\_\_\_\_ (do) his homework now.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (pack) now. I'm going to travel soon.
2. Amy and Ann \_\_\_\_\_ (not speak) Japanese.
3. Dad \_\_\_\_\_ (not want) to read the book. He wants to sleep.
4. Mum \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for my sister to come back now.
5. Tim \_\_\_\_\_ (write) in his diary every night.
6. What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (like) doing?
7. Betty \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a helpful girl.
8. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ (not cry) now.
9. What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) now?
10. All my classmates \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) lazy.
11. Uncle Edward \_\_\_\_\_ (go) cycling every morning.
12. What \_\_\_\_\_ Ray \_\_\_\_\_ (read) now?



**C. William is writing a note. Complete the note using the simple past tense.**

Miss Word, Mr Strange and Mr Metal,

Thank you. You *e.g.* \_\_\_\_\_ gave \_\_\_\_\_ (give) me a place to stay when I

① \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) a home. You ② \_\_\_\_\_

(take) care of me. We ③ \_\_\_\_\_ (do) a lot of things. We

④ \_\_\_\_\_ (go) hiking. We ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ (find) gold

coins. We ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) different people. ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_

you \_\_\_\_\_ (know) that I ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_ (be) really afraid of

this place when I first came here? You ⑨ \_\_\_\_\_ (be) really

nice to me. I will miss you all! Keep in touch!

William

**D. Mr Strange is asking William some questions. Answer the questions using the correct tenses.**

*e.g.* Will you forget us?

No, \_\_\_\_\_ I won't forget you \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Does your mum know we are good friends now?

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Are you thinking of your brother?

No, \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Did you feel good here?

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Will your mum let you come back?

No, \_\_\_\_\_.





E. William is writing an article to tell his schoolmates about his experience. Complete the article using the correct tenses.

### A Beautiful Castle

Last year, I *e.g.* \_\_\_\_\_ went \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to a strange place. There ① \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a beautiful castle. I ② \_\_\_\_\_ (make) friends with three 'people'. They ③ \_\_\_\_\_ (invite) me to ④ \_\_\_\_\_ (live) with them. I ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ (not want) to leave that place. However, I ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ (come) back because my parents ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_ (be) worried about me.

Now my parents ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_ (be) happy. I ⑨ \_\_\_\_\_ (not know) if I can ⑩ \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to that castle again. ⑪ \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (think) it is a special experience? ⑫ \_\_\_\_\_ (be) you surprised?

I ⑬ \_\_\_\_\_ (write) this article now because I want you all to know about the castle. I ⑭ \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) you more about the castle in the newsletter next week. See you!

William (4C)



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