

Choosing the Correct Tense

The term "**shift in tenses**" refers to the change from one verb tense to another. Unless there is a shift in time, the tense in a sentence shouldn't be changed; or else, it'll stop the meaning of the sentence being expressed clearly.

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- Complete each sentence using the form of the verb in the parentheses.
- After they finished dinner, they _____ for a walk in the park.
(go, were, will go)
 - When the bell rings, the students _____ out of the classroom.
(rush, run)
 - If it snows tomorrow, we _____ build, will build)
 - While Jack _____ basketball, his dad checks him off from the _____
(practice, will practice, practiced) _____
 - When the clock _____, the new _____
(begin, began)
 - When the teacher _____ the _____, they _____ at their
desks. (sit, sat, _____)
 - If it rains tomorrow, we _____ in _____
(stay, stayed, will)
 - By the time _____, the _____ corn.
(had boiled, _____)
 - While Sam _____, _____
(plays, played, will play)
 - If she misses the bus, she _____ late for class. (is, was, will be)