

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.

- 1) While the painter works, the decorator _____ schemes.
(chose, will choose, chooses)
- 2) By the end of the semester, I _____ all my assignments.
(have completed, completed, will complete)
- 3) When the teacher speaks, the students _____.
(discuss, will discuss, discuss)
- 4) If the weather is nice, we _____ for a hike in the mountains.
(have gone, went, will go)
- 5) While the musician plays, the audience _____ the seats.
(finds, found, will find)
- 6) While the baby sleeps, the mother _____.
(folded, folds, will fold)
- 7) While the coffee is brewed, the waiter _____.
(prepared, prepared, has prepared)
- 8) When the students _____, the teacher begins the lesson.
(line up, lined up, will line up)
- 9) When the birds _____, the hunter begins to shoot.
(have flocked, flocked, will flock)
- 10) After he retires, the professor _____ a book. (write, wrote, will write)