

Mastering the Shift in Verb 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.

Underline the shifts in the verb tense, and write where they are appropriate or inappropriate.

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- 1) Betty will walk to the store and buy some groceries.

- 2) We can go to the park and play for hours.

- 3) Clarence is now baking cookies; afterward, he will decorate them with frosting.

- 4) Kent walked to the store and bought some apples.

- 5) Jacob broke his pencil and then he will sharpen it.

- 6) Lisa catches a butterfly and then let it go.

- 7) The baby often spills her food on the floor. She will learn to eat soon.

- 8) Ross fell into the pool during the party. His clothes are still wet.
