

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 tenses and write where they are appropriate or inappropriate.

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1) Riley plays soccer every Friday, but last week she missed the game.

2) Derek was

3) Melissa studied hard for her test yesterday, and she gets a good grade.

4) I cleaned my room yesterday, and I am happy I am.

5) Yesterday was a busy day, and we had a lot of work to do.

6) It snowed heavily last night, so the roads will be icy this morning.

7) Linda forgot to set her alarm, so she will be late for class today.

8) The kitten played with a toy mouse and then falls asleep on the couch.