

TENSE TERRACE

The Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow Rescue



Choose the time. Build the verb. Tell the story.

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Worked lessons - Practice - Game - Complete answers

My name: _____

A focused printable adventure for Grade 2 readiness

The pocket time guide

Keep this page beside your work. A time clue helps, but always read the verb too.

PAST | BEFORE

An action already happened. Yesterday we planted seeds. Regular example: plant -> planted. Memory example: go -> went.

PRESENT | USUALLY

Simple present can tell a habit or routine. Every day we water plants. With he/she/one named person, many verbs add -s: Ariel waters plants.

FUTURE | LATER

For this adventure, use will + the base verb. Tomorrow we will water plants. After will, use water, not watered or waters.

OUR THREE-STEP CHECK

1. Find when the action happens. 2. Choose the matching verb form. 3. Read the whole sentence. Do the time clue and verb agree?

Base	Regular past	Future
help	helped	will help
plant	planted	will plant
smile	smiled	will smile

ADULT TRAIL NOTE

Today alone does not always prove a tense. We practice clear routines with every day, completed actions with yesterday, and future actions with tomorrow.

Mission 1 | The three arches



A breeze has scattered the terrace messages. Ariel finds three arches: before, usually, and later. Alice holds a sign that says, "Every day we water the flowers." Which arch should hold it?

LEARN THE PATTERN

A verb can show time. Simple present often tells what happens regularly. Past tells what already happened. Future with will tells what will happen later.

PAST	Yesterday we watered.
PRESENT	Every day we water.
FUTURE	Tomorrow we will water.

Every day signals a routine. Water is the present verb here, so Alice places the sign at the PRESENT arch.

ADULT TRAIL NOTE

Ask: Is this finished, a routine, or still ahead? Do not teach present as only an action happening this instant.

Follow the time clues

Underline the verb or verb phrase. Circle the time: PAST / PRESENT / FUTURE.

THE MESSAGE-KEEPER CHECK

WHEN? / MATCH THE VERB / READ IT BACK



A1 Yesterday we painted the gate.

A2 Every day we check the plants.

A3 Tomorrow we will carry the pots.

ADULT TRAIL NOTE

Together: point to yesterday, every day, or tomorrow. In a future phrase, underline both will and the action verb.

The nine-message rescue

Adult: cut on the dashed borders, or leave the page whole and use G1-G9 numbers on the mat. Play with page 22.

G1

Yesterday we
planted seeds.

G2

Every day we water
plants.

G3

Tomorrow we will
open the gate.

G4

Alice smiles every
morning.

G5

Yesterday we saw a
bird.

G6

Tomorrow Ariel will
make a sign.

G7

Yesterday Alice came
to help.

G8

We visit the garden
every week.

G9

Tomorrow we will
take a basket.

Read - name the time - find the verb - explain your clue.

Free sample | Trail notes

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Sample practice answers

A1: painted; PAST. A2: check; PRESENT. A3: will carry; FUTURE. Underline both words in will carry.

Sample game guidance

You may sort the cards into three piles without cutting. PAST: G1 planted, G5 saw, G7 came. PRESENT: G2 water, G4 smiles, G8 visit. FUTURE: G3 will open, G6 will make, G9 will take. Explain a time clue or verb form for each.

What is in the full adventure?

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