

## SIMPLE TENSE

A **tense** is a verb form that shows the time of an action or condition. Verbs have three **simple tenses**: the present, the past, and the future.

The **present tense** shows an action or condition that occurs now.

Examples:

The judge decides on the case now.

She handles the concern with care.

The fortune teller predicts his future.

The **past tense** shows an action or condition that was completed in the past.

Examples:

The judge decided on the case now.

She handled the concern with care.

The fortune teller predicted his future.

The **future tense** shows an action or condition that will occur in the future

Examples:

The judge will decide on the case now.

She will handle the concern with care.

The fortune teller will predict his future.

Exercise:

A. Create questions out of the following simple present tense sentences.

1. We live in Boston.

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
He works for the Post Office.

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
She manages the marketing department.

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
Bees make honey.

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
Water boils at 100°C.

6. \_\_\_\_\_  
Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world.

7. \_\_\_\_\_  
We use trees to make paper.

8. \_\_\_\_\_  
You go swimming twice a week.

9. \_\_\_\_\_  
I don't often play video games.

10. \_\_\_\_\_  
We sometimes eat out on Sunday evenings.

B. Create questions out of the following simple past tense sentences.

11. We loved going to concerts.

12. He thought living here is too expensive and I agree.

13. They believed in their leader and trusted him completely.

14. I liked reading, especially historical novels.

15. Our train left at 3pm.

16. The match started at 8:30pm.

17. We landed in Dusseldorf at 9:15.

18. We started when all the guests arrived.

19. We sent the goods after we received the payment.

20. We checked everything before we left.

C. Create questions out of the following simple future tense sentences.

21. I will meet him later.

22. It will rain tomorrow.

23. He will help us later.

24. We will get married in September.

25. They will cook dinner.

26. It will not snow tomorrow.

27. She will not get the job.

28. He will not pass the exam.

29. We will not come.

30. They will not stop.