

Past and Present Tense

Tick the boxes to show whether these sentences use the past or the present tense.

	Past	Present
The unpolished brass door handle bit like ice against Tilda's palm.		
"It's working."		
Tilda nursed her hand and glared at the stubborn metalwork.		
"It moved!"		
"It smells like Grandad's woodworking shed."		

Can you turn these whole sentences from the past tense into the present tense?

The thought seemed to send a shiver dancing through Charlie's body.

Tilda leaned her slender frame against an uneven wall.

Now, only the attic needed to be cleared.

Tiring of Charlie's whimpering, she grabbed his wrist and restarted her ascent.

Now see if you can write this whole paragraph in the past tense.

Showing how little she cares, Tilda slams the shoe against the door handle with all the strength she can muster. The rubber sole hits its mark with a determined thud, then bounces away faster than a ricocheting bullet, throwing Tilda against the solid stone wall.

Activity Two

Now put these verbs into the present perfect tense to complete each sentence:

e.g. I (**break**) my pencil, can I borrow your sharpener please?

*I **have broken** my pencil, can I borrow your sharpener please?*

Come on everyone, line up. The bell (**ring**) already.

Because dad and I (**trim**) the hedge, it looks very neat now.

Mum says we can play out once we (**finish**) our homework.

If you (**not bring**) your wellies, you can't go out to play in the snow.

Rihanna looks very nervous because she (**not ride**) a horse before.
