

The **BIG** English Tense Check

Book 3: The Big English Tense Check – Your Final Challenge!

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This is the third book in the series and is designed to show you exactly how well you understand the English tenses after completing Books 1 and 2.

This book is different from the first two:

- There is **no storyline** and there are **guided examples only in the first half of the book..**
- Instead, you face **fully independent questions** that test the tenses in English.
- You not only choose the correct tense — you also explain **why** it is the right one.

This added step **deepens** your understanding, **strengthens** your thinking skills, and shows whether you can confidently use the tenses without help from a story or workbook.

This is your chance to check your progress, identify anything you still want to improve, and prove to yourself that you **really understand** the English tense system.

Perfect for learners aged 11 to adult who want:

- ✓ **a real challenge**
- ✓ **full tense revision**
- ✓ **exam-style thinking**
- ✓ **independent mastery of English grammar**

Look Inside





Choose the correct tense from the verbs in bold and

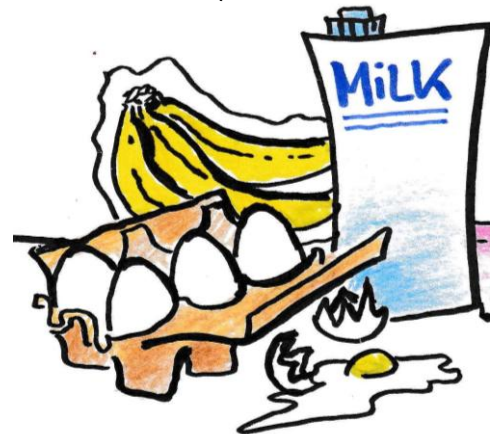
italics.

Harry Help ***lives/is living***¹ in Ttown. He ***is liking/likes***² to help out as much as he can. Every morning he ***gets up/is getting***³ up at 7am and ***is helping/helps***⁴ his wife to make breakfast. Harry never ***eats/is eating***⁵ cereal for breakfast but he always ***drinks /is drinking***⁶ coffee. He often ***goes/is going***⁷ to work by bicycle if the weather is fine. He ***works/is working***⁸ from home 2 days a week.

Today is Monday and he has a full diary (helping people of course) ahead of him. 'Let's see ... this afternoon I ***am picking up/pick up***⁹ Mrs White from the train station at 3pm.

Tomorrow evening I ***take/am taking***¹⁰ my Mum to the theatre ... and on Wednesday evening I ***am helping/help***¹¹ our local table tennis club to paint the new games room at the community centre.'

Suddenly he looks out of the window. 'Oh no! It ***rains/is raining***¹² I had better get my bicycle into the shed before it gets too wet and he goes out to the garden. When he comes back into the kitchen his wife is very busy. 'Mmmmmmm, something smells delicious. What ***do you bake/are you baking***¹³ 'Your favourite – banana bread,' she replies.



Spot Check: explain yourself!

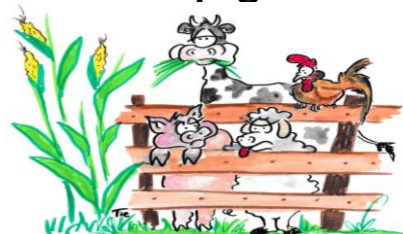
Which tense have you used and why? (example: number 3
Present Simple - It's a routine)

5. _____

9. _____

Complete the sentences with verbs from the bottom of the page.

***Our food of the future -
predictions and forecasts from the
food companies***



It is no surprise that sustainability is very important. The big food companies think that eco-friendly foods _____¹ a big feature in the coming years. They say that consumers _____² for food options that reduce their carbon footprint. We _____³ a growing demand for plant-based alternatives, lab-grown meat and algae-based snacks. These kinds of products _____⁴ the burden on our climate's overloaded resources.

	will inhabit	will fill	will eat	
will have	will be		will opt	will invest
will grow	will use			will see
will reduce			will play	will avoid
	will lessen			



Spot check: explain yourself!

Why do we use the "will" future here?

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb.

Our music club

When I _____ (open)¹ the door to the music room at 10.00am yesterday morning, I _____ (see)² everyone standing in a circle and someone _____³ (present) our music teacher, Mrs Benton, with a lovely bunch of flowers and a card. Mrs Benton _____

(open)⁴ the card. While she _____ (read)⁵ it, she _____ (begin)⁶ to cry. Mrs Benton then _____ (start)⁷ to say something and everyone _____ (smile)⁸ and _____ (clap)⁹. While our teacher _____ (talk)¹⁰ to the group, I _____ (go)¹¹ over to one of the girls and _____ (ask)¹² them what _____ (happen)¹³.

Spot Check: explain yourself!

Which tense(s) have you used for the following sentences - and why?

1 & 2 _____

3. _____

5 & 6 _____

10 & 11 _____
