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Working with Verb Tense

- * A verb in the **present tense** tells you that the action takes place now, or that it happens all the time.

A cricket hops across the lawn.

- * A verb in the **past tense** means the action happened before, or in the past.
Yesterday a cricket hopped onto my leg.

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Carefully read the following sentences. Write present in the blank if the underlined verb is in the present tense, or past tense in the past tense.

Example:

Crickets sing by rubbing their wings together. present

1. My grandfather keeps a singing cricket in a cage. present
2. It tells the temperature. _____
3. On hot days it chirps fast. _____
4. I heard the cricket chirp a few minutes ago. _____
5. It chirped 50 times in 15 seconds. _____
6. I tried to chirp myself. _____
7. I sounded really stupid. _____
8. Chirping gives me a sore throat. _____

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Each present tense verb is underlined. After each sentence, write the past tense of the verb. Then read the sentence with the new verb in it.

Example: Jiminy Cricket meets a beautiful fairy. met

Past Tense

1. He helps Pinocchio.
2. Jiminy talks about right from wrong.
3. Pinocchio needs Jiminy.
4. He whistles for Jiminy.
5. Jiminy Cricket hops to his side.
6. Then Jiminy calls for Geppetto.
7. Pinocchio likes Jiminy.

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Write two sentences about crickets. Use a present tense verb in one sentence and a past tense verb in the other one.

Present tense _____

Past tense _____

