

## REVISION OF GRAMMAR

### Verbs

#### A quick reminder:

When we want to describe an action, we use a **verb**.

Here are some examples:

Tom **ran** around and **shouted**.

He **broke** things. He never **did** what his mother **said**.

One night, he was **playing** outside.

His mother had **told** him to **come** inside, but he didn't **listen**.

Suddenly, the Bogeyman **appeared**.

He **grabbed** Tom and **stuffed** him into his bag.

He **tied** up the bag and **took** him home.



From *The Bogeyman*, Scary stories

#### The rules for using verbs

**Rule 1:** Every sentence must have a verb. Look at the sentences above. The verbs are all in bold type. Every sentence has *at least* one verb in it.

**Rule 2:** The verb must agree (or match) the **subject of the sentence** – this is the person, place, thing or idea that is *doing* or *being something*. For example:

*Tom **ran** around and **shouted**. He **broke** things.*

*He never **did** what his mother **said**. One night, he **was playing** outside.*

The subject of these sentences (the person doing something) is **Tom**.

All the *verbs* have to agree with when Tom did all these things. This is called 'verb tense'.

There are three main types of tense:

1. *Tom is running*. It's happening *now* so it's **present tense**.
2. *Tom ran*. It happened *in the past* so it's **past tense**.
3. *Tom will run*. It will happen *in the future* so it's **future tense**.

You can see that the first verb used in the passage above is '*ran*', so we know it is the second type of verb tense – **past tense**. This means **all the verbs** in the story need to be in **past tense** – *shouted, broke, did, said, was playing*.

### EXERCISE 1

Here are some more sentences from the story *The Bogeyman* but the verbs are written in present tense. Can you change them to **past tense**?

1. When the Bogeyman (gets) \_\_\_\_\_ to his place, he (pulls) \_\_\_\_\_ Tom out of the bag. "Here is our supper, my dear," he (says) \_\_\_\_\_. And he (laughs) \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Tom (looks) \_\_\_\_\_ around. He (is) \_\_\_\_\_ in a horrible place. It (is) \_\_\_\_\_ dark and it (smells) \_\_\_\_\_ awful. At this point the Bogeyman's wife (comes) \_\_\_\_\_ in. She (is) \_\_\_\_\_ almost as ugly as him. She (pokes) \_\_\_\_\_ Tom in the ribs.
3. Tom (looks) \_\_\_\_\_ at Mrs Bogeyman. She (licks) \_\_\_\_\_ her lips and (smiles) \_\_\_\_\_ a horrible smile.
4. Off Tom went, and he (runs) \_\_\_\_\_ all the way home. When he (gets) \_\_\_\_\_ there he (locks) \_\_\_\_\_ himself in.
5. Tom (forgets) \_\_\_\_\_ his promise to be good. He (runs) \_\_\_\_\_ around and (shouts) \_\_\_\_\_. He (breaks) \_\_\_\_\_ things.
6. "YOU!" the Bogeyman (snarls) \_\_\_\_\_, holding Tom close to his face to see him better. "You are the boy who (tricks) \_\_\_\_\_ us!"

7. In (walks) \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs Bogeyman. "YOU! You (lies) \_\_\_\_\_ to me."
8. The Bogeyman (sits) \_\_\_\_\_ on the sofa and (watches) \_\_\_\_\_ the water boil.
9. Tom (looks) \_\_\_\_\_ around. He (grabs) \_\_\_\_\_ a large bone lying under the sofa. He (pulls) \_\_\_\_\_ off his sock and shoe.
10. Tom (sticks) \_\_\_\_\_ out the bone with his sock and shoe on it. The Bogeyman (gets) \_\_\_\_\_ a chopper. There (is) \_\_\_\_\_ a horrible sound of breaking bone.

## EXERCISE 2

The following sentences have a selection of possible verbs. Circle the one that uses the correct verb tense.

1. "How dare you say that!" yell/yelling/yelled/will yell my little brother.
2. We goes/go/going/went to the zoo with our teachers last week.
3. The kangaroos at the Wildlife Park is/are/am/have been very tame.
4. My favourite sports am/is/was/are tennis and football.
5. Last summer, a terrible fire destroys/destroy/destroying/destroyed the forest.
6. Star Trek is/are/will be/was a very famous TV series in the 1960s.
7. The new TV remote was take/taken/took/takes back to the shop because it was broken.
8. I seen/saw/sees/see my cousin at the playground yesterday.
9. We are go/went/goes/going on an aeroplane next week.
10. Our dog eats/ate/eating/will eat all of his dinner he was so hungry.

## Challenge

The underlined verbs are not real words. Can you write the correct verb on the line at the end of each sentence?

We all sitted properly on the floor. \_\_\_\_\_

“Who writ this story?” our teacher asked. \_\_\_\_\_

Dad gived us all pocket money for doing our jobs. \_\_\_\_\_

My family goed to the movies last week. \_\_\_\_\_

The story beginned with *Once upon a time...* \_\_\_\_\_

Mum brang in some flowers from the garden. \_\_\_\_\_