

Guided
Practice
Ideas
Continued

For comprehension of verb tense:

Read various sentences at students' level. Instruct students to state "past, present, or future" for each sentence. Make the activity competitive (e.g. by awarding points), or cooperative (e.g. by correctly completing a set amount of sentences in a set amount of time) for additional motivation. Write examples of each tense on the board if needed. For example,

Instructor: Tell me "past," "present," or "future" for each sentence.

Students: Okay. We understand because we've been talking about it. And, your examples on the board help us understand too.

Instructor: Okay then. Here's the first one. He is walking. Is that past, present, or future?

Student one: Present.

Instructor: Correct. Here comes the next one. He walked.

Student two: Past.

Instructor: Correct. Here comes some more...

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For comprehension of varied verb tense:

Cut out each picture on the verb tense picture page. Do not leave the words attached to the pictures. Spread out the pictures face up in front of two or more students. Instruct the students to find the picture that goes with the word you say. Tell them to pay close attention to the tense. Play competitively or cooperatively. When a student picks the wrong picture remind them to listen to the small parts of the word, and repeat the word, or words for future tense verbs.

Functional
Activity
Ideas

Activities

Get a paper or news magazine. Talk about current events. Try to put events into perspectives of past, present, and future.

Make predictions. Use prediction cards, verb tense cards, or make predictions with predetermined scenarios.

Talk about a movie or sporting event. Talk about what happened in the last one for past tense. Talk about the next sporting event or an imagined sequel for future tense.

Example Statements

"George Bush won the election. He will not win the next election. Hillary Clinton is winning in the polls."

"The dog will break the chain." After seeing the next picture, and hearing "What happened?" "The dog broke the chain."

"Albert Pujols hit a home run. I think he will hit another one." "Nemo found his father. He might have to find his friends if they make a sequel."