

Past, present and future tenses and their impact on meaning...

understand past, present and future tenses and their impact on meaning in a sentence

Learning intention

- understand past, present and future tenses and their impact on meaning in a sentence

Teach and model

- understanding the tense that types of texts are commonly written in; for example, informative texts are usually written in present tense
- identifying the tense in texts they read

Check understanding

- Explain the main idea in past, present and future tenses and their impact on meaning... using an example.
- Show the idea in a second way: with words, a model, a diagram or symbols.
- Apply the idea to a short unfamiliar situation and justify the result.

Teaching cautions

- Ask the student to explain their choice, not only state an answer.
- Check that key vocabulary is understood in a new example.
- Mix representations so the skill is transferred rather than copied.

Quick lesson sequence

- Connect to prior knowledge and introduce the key vocabulary.
- Model one clear example, then solve a second example together.
- Finish with an independent check and a short student explanation.