

Present and past tenses

Some things happen right now, in the present. Some things happened in the past. Different forms of a verb show when something happens. These are called **tenses**.

We use the **present tense** for things that happen now, every day, or every time. We use the **past tense** for things that happened in the past.

These are in the present:



We **plant** flowers each year.



These are in the past:

It **snowed** last night.



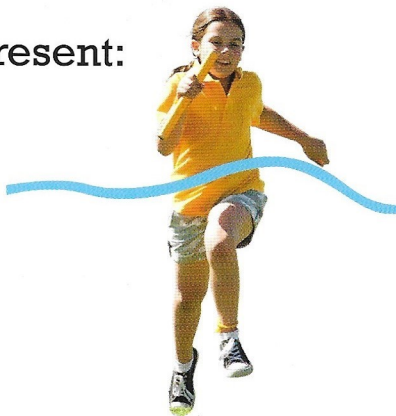
We **planted** some flowers last year.



With a lot of verbs, we add **-ed** at the end to make the past tense, but some verbs change completely.

This is in the present:

I always **win**.



This is in the past:

I **won** the race.

