

Year 5 – Spring Block 3 – Tenses – Past or Present?

About This Resource:

This PowerPoint has been designed to support your teaching of this small step. It includes a starter activity and an example of each question from the Varied Fluency and Application and Reasoning resources also provided in this pack. You can choose to work through all examples provided or a selection of them depending on the needs of your class.

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 5: (5G4.1b) [Using the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause](#)

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Notes and Guidance

- From previous learning in Year 2, children should be able to identify the past and present tenses in their simple and progressive form.
- Simple past and present describe something that is happening, or happened, at that moment. For example, *start/started*.
- Past and present progressive describe something that is happening, or happened, over a period of time. For example, *am/is/are starting* and *was/were starting*.
- This step is a recap of the simple and progressive forms of the past and present tense. Children need to be able to recognise the different forms of tenses within sentences and be able to explain their meaning.

Focused Questions

- What form of the present/past tense is this sentence in?
- Is this sentence in the past progressive tense? Explain how you know.

Step 1: Past or Present?

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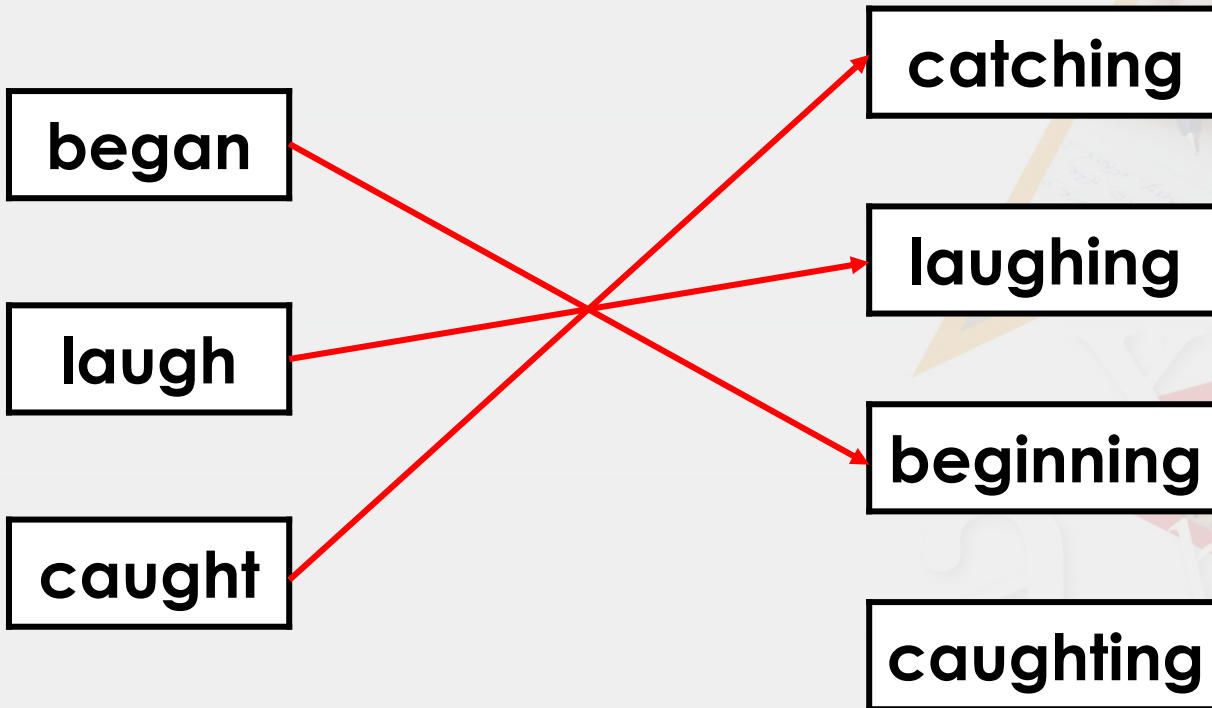
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Various possible answers, for example:

When I was running to the shop, it started to rain.

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I think the sentence is past progressive.

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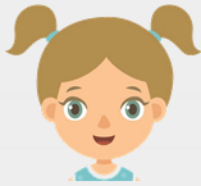
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Robbie is correct because they are taking down the decorations now.