Past and Present Tense

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: Present tense tells what is happening now or happens often: *I walk to school.* **Past tense** tells what already happened: *I walked to school yesterday.* Most past tense verbs end in **-ed**.

Clue words: yesterday, last week, ago → past · today, now, every day → present



1. Past or present?

Is the verb in brackets past or present tense?

1	I walk to school every day. (walk)	past	present
2	We played soccer yesterday. (played)	past	present
3	The bus stops at the corner. (stops)	past	present
4	Grandma baked bread last week. (baked)	past	present
5	My cat sleeps on my bed. (sleeps)	past	present
6	The storm knocked down a tree. (knocked)	past	present

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2. Change it to past tense

Rewrite each sentence in the past tense.

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2. We watch a movie.

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5. They hop like rabbits.

Answer Key

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These are the correct answers.

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5. They hop like rabbits.
   They hopped like rabbits.