



Verbs, Subject-Verb Agreement, and Verb Tenses

Verbs

Verbs carry the idea of being or action in the sentence.

- I am a student. I love my school. My professors are the best.

Subject-Verb Agreement

When the subject of the sentence is plural, be sure to use a singular verb. Likewise, when the subject of the sentence is singular, be sure to use plural verbs. For example:

Singular subject: The girl is pretty.

Plural subject: The girls are pretty.

Singular subject: Her necklace was stolen.

Plural subject: Her necklaces were stolen.

Verb Tenses

Verb tenses show the time of a verb's action or being. There are three inflected forms reflected by changes in the endings of verbs.

Simple Present: They walk

Present Perfect: They have walked

Simple Past: They walked

Past Perfect: They had walked

Future: They will walk

Future Perfect: They will have walked

1. Judy **saved** thirty dollars. (past)
2. Judy **will save** thirty dollars. (future)
3. Judy **has saved** thirty dollars. (present perfect)
4. Judy **had saved** thirty dollars by the end of last month. (past perfect)
5. Judy **will have saved** thirty dollars by the end of this month. (future perfect)

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