Verb Forms and Tenses

Getting to grips with verb tenses, the active and passive voice and the subjunctive form is essential for some of the toughest questions in the KS2 SATs!

10 Tick one box in each row to show if the sentence is in the **present progressive** or the **past progressive**.

Sentence	Present progressive	Past progressive
Joey was playing football in the park after school.		
Joey's football skills are improving all the time.		
Joey is hoping to be a professional footballer.		

1 mark

KS2 English SATs, Paper 1 (2016) - Q10

48 Rewrite the underlined verbs in the sentence below so that they are in the **present progressive** form.

Jim learns French at school. He plans to ski in the Alps in the spring.

1 mark

KS2 English SATs, Paper 1 (2017) - Q48

5 Which **verb form** completes the sentence?

After Disha _____ her medal, she gave a television interview.

Tick **one**.

- is collecting ☐
- had collected ☐
- has collected ☐
- was collecting ☐

1 mark

KS2 English SATs, Paper 1 (2017) - Q5

40 Tick one box in each row to show whether the sentence is written in the **active** or the **passive**.

Sentence	Active	Passive
The lost dog was found by the children.		
Everyone heard the thunder.		
Nicole was riding her bike.		

1 mark

KS2 English SATs, Paper 1 (2018) - Q40

44 Which verb completes the sentence so that it uses the **subjunctive form**?

I wish I _____ able to join you, but it will not be possible.

Tick **one**.

- am ☐
- was ☐
- were ☐
- be ☐

1 mark

KS2 English SATs, Paper 1 (2016) - Q44

8 Which sentence is grammatically correct?

Tick **one**.

- Tomorrow we went shopping at the sales. ☐
- In three weeks' time, I will be on holiday. ☐
- Next weekend, we had gone to the river to fish. ☐
- Last summer, we swim at the beach and collect seashells. ☐

1 mark

KS2 English SATs, Paper 1 (2018) - Q8

30 Rewrite the verbs in the boxes to complete the sentences with the correct choice of **tense**.

The visitors left after they _____ their coffee.

to finish

Jo usually _____ up early on Saturday morning and goes swimming before breakfast.

to wake

1 mark

KS2 English SATs, Paper 1 (2017) - Q30

13 Which sentence shows that you are **most likely** to be away next week?

Tick **one**.

- I could be away next week. ☐
- I might be away next week. ☐
- I shall be away next week. ☐
- I may be away next week. ☐

1 mark

KS2 English SATs, Paper 1 (2016) - Q13

2 Which **pair of verbs** correctly completes the sentence below?

Pluto _____ now called a dwarf planet, but once it _____ classified as a planet.

Tick **one**.

was	is	☐
was	was	☐
is	is	☐
is	was	☐

1 mark

KS2 English SATs, Paper 1 (2016 Sample) - Q2

12 Which option completes the sentence in the **past perfect**?

Soon after a Frenchman _____ the first land speed record, it was broken.

Tick **one**.

has set	☐
had set	☐
set	☐
was setting	☐

1 mark

KS2 English SATs, Paper 1 (2018) - Q12