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• The **future tense** tells what is going to happen. It is usually formed by adding the helping verb **will** to the base form of the verb.

• Verbs must agree with their subjects in number: A **singular subject** requires a **singular verb**, and a **plural subject** requires a **plural verb**.

• Present tense verbs with a **single subject** add **-s** to the base.

• Present tense verbs with a **plural subject** do not add **-s**.

A. Write the past tense of each verb.

1. climb _____
2. pretend _____
3. examine _____
4. pick _____
5. charge _____

B. Write the future tense of each verb.

6. excuse _____
7. travel _____
8. watch _____
9. disagree _____
10. paint _____

Rewrite each sentence using the correct present tense form of the verb in parentheses.

1. A hiker (walk, walks) along trails that are not very steep.
2. Rock climbers (choose, chooses) steeper slopes.
3. Smooth rocks (require, requires) special climbing techniques.
4. A rock climber (need, needs) special equipment to ascend a mountain.
5. Steel spikes (help, helps) the climber reach the top.

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- A verb may have more than one subject. More than one subject for the same verb is called a compound subject. Treat a compound subject like a plural subject and do not add -s to the verb.
- A collective noun is considered singular if it names the group as a whole. It is considered plural if it refers to the group's members acting as individuals.

Rewrite the sentences. Use the correct verb in parentheses so that the subjects and verbs agree.

1. The football team (practice, practices) every day after school.

2. The players and coaches (meet, meets) on the field.

3. Reese (carry, carries) equipment from the gym.

4. Shoulder pads and helmets (protect, protects) the players.

5. The team (drink, drinks) water during and after practice.

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- The **present tense** of a verb tells what a subject is doing now. The **past tense** tells what has already happened. Add -d or -ed to most verbs to show past tense. The **future tense** tells what is going to happen. Add the helping verb *will* to show future tense.
- A present tense verb must agree with its subject. Present tense verbs with a single subject add -s to the base. Present tense verbs with a plural subject do not add -s.
- Treat a compound subject like a plural subject and do not add -s to the verb.
- A collective noun is considered singular if it names the group as a whole. It is considered plural if it refers to the group's members acting individually.

Proofread the sentences for mistakes. Put brackets [] around incorrect verb tenses. Rewrite the sentences correctly.

1. elephants lives in herds

2. female elephantis and calves travels together.

3. Typically, a strong female elephant lead the herd

4. the herd move from place to place looking for food

5. elephants eats leaves, grass, fruit, and other foods from plants

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For each sentence, circle the letter of the choice that corrects the sentence. if there is no error, circle c for correct.

1. Yesterday, the class discuss plans for the school's field day.
 - a. Yesterday, the class discussed plans for the school's field day.
 - b. Yesterday, the class discusses plans for the school's field day.
 - c. correct
2. Later today, they will decide on the games.
 - a. Later today, they decided on the games.
 - b. Later today, they decides on the games.
 - c. correct
3. Right now, the students likes several ideas.
 - a. Right now, the students like several ideas.
 - b. Right now, the students liked several ideas.
 - c. correct
4. For example, Hannah and Michael wants a sack race.
 - a. For example, Hannah and Michael will wanted a sack race.
 - b. For example, Hannah and Michael want a sack race.
 - c. correct
5. Ava support an obstacle course and a parachute game.
 - a. Ava will supports an obstacle course and a parachute game.
 - b. Ava supports an obstacle course and a parachute game.
 - c. correct