

| Verb tenses: past, present, future

A verb’s tense tells when: past (yesterday), present (now) or future (tomorrow).

THE RULE

- **Past:** it already happened. We **tapped** the tree.
- **Present:** it happens now. We **tap** the tree.
- **Future:** it will happen. We **will tap** the tree.

CLUE **Yesterday** we boiled sap. **Tomorrow** we will pour syrup.



1 Sort the verbs. Write each one in the table.

VERBS

tappedwill boildripspouredwill pourtastesboiledtaps

will taste

Past	Present	Future

2 Write the verb in the tense shown.

1. Yesterday we _____ to the sugar bush. (walk, past)
2. Right now the syrup _____ sweet. (smell, present)
3. Next week we _____ more buckets. (hang, future)
4. Last spring my aunt _____ the sap. (carry, past)
5. Every spring the sap _____ in the maples. (rise, present)

3 Write three sentences about the sugar shack: one past, one present, one future.