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# Simple Verb Tenses

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Grammar: Spiral Review

## Present Tense

The alien visits Earth.  
The author writes about  
aliens.

## Past Tense

The alien visited Earth.  
The author wrote about aliens.

## Future Tense

The alien will visit Earth.  
The author will write about  
aliens.

**1–6. Write which tense of the verb in parentheses correctly completes the sentence. Then write the correct tense of the verb.**

1. The author (use) Pluto as the setting of his next book.
2. For his last book, the author (choose) Venus for the setting.
3. My brother (read) a chapter of his favorite science book every day.
4. He now (enjoy) reading stories about space travel.
5. Last year, he (like) books about dinosaurs.
6. I wonder what type of books he (like) next.

**7–10. This paragraph contains four errors in verb tense. Underline each error. On the line below, correct the errors and tell which verb tense is correct.**

The famous science fiction author signed copies of her book later today at 4:00 p.m. I can't wait! Yesterday my mom tells me about the book signing. I finish reading the book last night. In the book, all the characters live on Earth, but Earth is very different. The characters' things are very small. Their cars and computers are tiny. The characters can enlarge and shrink themselves to fit into their cars or use their computers. When I meet the author, I ask her if she really thinks we will be able to change our own size in the future. Sometimes the work of science fiction authors inspires inventors to create new technologies.