

# Using Consistent Verb Tenses

**Tucket's Travels**  
Grammar:  
The Verbs *be* and *have*

When using the verbs *be* and *have*, remember to use verb tenses consistently. In order for your sentences to be correct, the verbs must be in the same tense.

## Not correct

The students had gone on a field trip before, and they had remember how much fun they had.

## Correct

The students had gone on a field trip before, and they had remembered how much fun they had.

## Thinking Question

*In what tense should the sentence be written?*

**Activity Rewrite each sentence so that the verbs are in the same tense as the underlined verb phrase.**

1. A deer had grazed in the park before a noisy dog chase it away.
2. Heavy rain had fallen a few days earlier and floods the streets.
3. Mrs. Thomas was looking for a shady tree, and everyone is going to sit under it.
4. She had supplied snacks for everyone, and the students mix lemonade.
5. They are going to sing songs, and then they play games.
6. The bus is here, but the students were not ready to leave.