

Verb Tenses

Cougars
Grammar: Spiral Review

Time: conveys past, present, or future

The cougar went to its *lair*. (*action verb*)

Sequence: conveys order of events

Read the book, and then we will discuss cougars. (*action verb; helping verb*)

Condition: conveys that one action or state of being depends on a condition being met

If the trackers catch a cougar, they will tag it. (*action verb; helping verb*)

State: conveys a subject's state of being

The cougar felt frightened without its mother. (*linking verb*)

On the line following each sentence, tell if the verb or verbs express time, sequence, condition, or state.

1. The cubs greedily drank the milk.
2. After they play, they will eat again.
3. If they go to the watering hole, they may fall in.
4. The mother cougar watches their moves carefully.
5. She feels anxious about their safety.

Write one paragraph about cougars that shows verb tenses used to convey time, sequence, condition, and state.