

TENSE

TENSE MUST BE **CONSISTENT**. PICK ONE AND **STICK** TO IT!

CORRECT

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Next week I'm going to tackle the issue of apostrophes.*

Past	Present	Future
I walked	People walk / he walks	She will walk
Michael was	Michael is	Michael will be
Sara threw	Sara throws	Sara will throw
Craig failed	Craig fails	Craig will fail
Mr Bruce triumphed	Mr Bruce triumphs	Mr Bruce will triumph

INCORRECT

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ADVANCED

There are situations where you might want to **change tense on purpose**. For example, writing about an event from history and moving on to making a prediction for the future. In proofreading, check your sentences are consistent. If they change, it must be for a reason.

Only **two tenses are marked in the verb** alone: present and past. Other tenses - as many as thirty of them - are marked by words called auxiliaries. The six basic tenses allow one to recreate much of the reality of time in writing:

Simple Present	They walk
Simple Past	They walked
Present Perfect	They have walked
Past Perfect	They had walked
Future	They will walk
Future Perfect	They will have walked

Click [here](#) for more detailed info on complex tenses.