Fixing tense mix-ups: answers and notes

What your child practised: keeping to one tense by finding the time clue, checking every verb and fixing mix-ups (Year 2).

Page 1 · Warm up

Ring **ran** and **waved**. They are both **past**.

Page 2 · Story detectives

Answers will vary.

Page 2 · A. Ring and fix

eats → **ate** (last week = past)
brushed → **brushes** (every day = present)
swim → **swam** (yesterday = past)

Page 3 · B. Leo's story

go → **went** · feeds → **fed** · drinks → **drank**. (Saw, had and was are already past.)

Page 3 · C. Last weekend

Answers will vary. Check every verb is past: "I **played** and then I **had** a bath."

Page 3 · D. Same tense

Mia went… **and bought some bread**.
Leo feeds… **and gives it a drink**.

Challenge: No. Most stories are in the past, but some are in the present: "The fox creeps up to the gate." What matters is keeping to one tense.

Watch out for

- **Checking only the first verb.** Mix-ups often hide after "and" or "then". Find every verb.
- **Fixing the wrong verb.** In "Every day, Ava wakes up…", the present is right; "brushed" is the mix-up.
- **"Fixing" with -ed when it's a twister:** "drinked", "feeded". Look back at Chapter 3's twister pairs.

Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **Mix-up spotter:** at teatime, tell your child about your day and slip in one present tense verb. Can they catch it?
- **Read it back:** when your child writes a card or a note, ask them to read it aloud and listen for verbs that jump in time.
- **In the game:** this is the last chapter. Play any chapter again to practise the tricky parts.