Verbs

Tenses

Verbs show the **tense** of the sentence. The **tense** tells you when something is happening or has happened: the present and past tense.

1. Match the sentences on the left to the correct **tense** on the right. Draw a line to join them.

   - I play with my friends. **perfect**
   - I played with my friends. **past**
   - I am playing with my friends. **present continuous**
   - I was playing with my friends. **present**
   - I have played with my friends. **past continuous**

2. a) To be able to talk about the future what type of verbs can you use? Tick the correct boxes.

   - i) Infinitive, e.g. to be, to have, to walk, to play
   - ii) auxiliary, e.g. have, am, is
   - iii) modal, e.g. will, should
   - iv) present, e.g. walks, plays
   - v) past, e.g. went, gone

2. b) Now circle these different types of verbs in the sentences below. They help to show that the sentences are about the future.

   - i) I will be playing with my friend.
   - ii) My Dad is going to come home from work.
   - iii) Granny arrives in England tomorrow.
   - iv) I should be going to the park tomorrow.

Look at page 24 of your Oxford Primary Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Dictionary for more tenses.