

# Story tenses

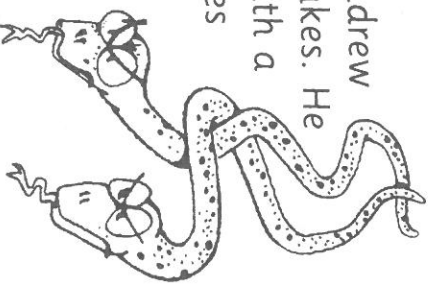
- Read the story extracts below.

Decide whether each is written in the past tense, eg. *Andrew stepped on to the plane. He sat down.* or in the present tense, eg. *Andrew steps on to the plane. He sits down.*

- Underline the words that helped you decide.
- Rewrite each extract using the opposite tense.

Using all of his strength Andrew leaped across the pit of snakes. He landed on the wet grass with a thud. Behind him the snakes hissed angrily.

past	present
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He reaches across and picks up the diamond. His heart is racing. It seems, for a moment, as if the diamond is going to slip from his grasp.

past	present
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