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TENSE CONSISTENCY

- A **verb tense** must match the **time** the verb's **action takes place**.
- A **shift in verb tense** is when the **tenses** in a text **change**.
- When the actions take place at the same time, a shift in tense is **inappropriate**.

No shift in verb tense	Yesterday we took (past) a bus to go to school but we walked (past) back home.
Inappropriate shift in verb tense	Yesterday we took (past) a bus to go to school but we will walk (future) back home.
Appropriate shift in verb tense	Tomorrow, I will start (future) early for my office. Yesterday, I started (past) late and reached (past) my office after 9:30a.m.
Incorrect verb tense	Tomorrow, I will start (future) early for my office. Yesterday, I will start (future) late and will reach (future) my office after 9:30a.m.

Directions: Identify the verb tenses in each sentence (past, present, and future). Rewrite each sentence with an inappropriate shift in verb tense. If the tenses are correct, write 'correct sentence'.

1) Radishes are the crops that grew best in temperatures below 80° F.

2) My teacher suggested extra practice when I failed my grammar test.

3) My mom planted the seeds that we will buy yesterday.

4) I think I will score 100% on my math test because I studied hard last week.

5) Solar power is produced by converted sunlight into electricity.

6) Emily still has trouble speaking English, but a year ago she is hopeless!
