



Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

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A purple dragon with blue wings and a yellow horn is breathing fire over a rocky landscape. A small sheep is standing on a rock in the distance. The background is a blue sky with white clouds.

Introductory Activity

Independent Focused Activity

Review Activity

Consolidation Activity

Assessment

Aim

- To use the past and present tenses correctly and consistently.

Success Criteria

- I can identify sentences that are written in the past tense.
- I can change verbs to past tense verbs.
- I can identify sentences that are written in the present tense.
- I can change verbs to present tense verbs.
- I can use tenses correctly and consistently in my writing.

Introductory Activity



Past or Present



Look at these sentences. One of them is happening now, the other has already happened. Can you tell which is which? Talk to your partner.

Yesterday Lucy played netball.

Today Lucy is playing netball.

When something has already happened we call it past tense. If it is happening now it is called present tense.



Past or Present



Past Tense

Yesterday Lucy played netball.

Present Tense

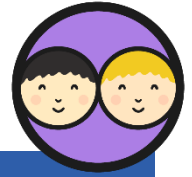
Today Lucy is playing netball.

How do you know which is present tense and which is past tense?

On your whiteboards write down any words that tell you the sentence is past tense.
Now write down the ones that tell you the sentence is present tense.



Past or Present



Working with your partner, can you sort these sentences into past and present tense?
Remember to look at each sentence carefully.

Past or Present Tense Sorting Activity

I can identify sentences that are written in the past tense.
I can identify sentences that are written in the present tense.

Read the sentences on the cards with your partner. Are they written in the past tense or in the present tense? Place them on the correct part of the sorting grid below.

Past Tense	Present Tense

Tense Sorting Cards

was so
y, I drank
e whole
ottle of
water.

I am so
thirsty, I am
drinking the
whole bottle
of water.

I played
football.

n cooking
er for my
mum.

I rode my bike
through the
puddles.

I am riding my
bike through
the puddles.

Independent Focused Activity



Past Tense Verbs



The verbs in each sentence tell us if the sentence is in the past tense or the present tense.

Many past tense verbs end in -ed:

played
jumped
skipped
walked
screamed
started
cried
carried

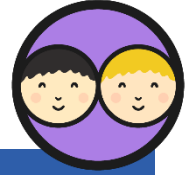


Can you remember the rules for adding -ed to words ending in -y?

If the verb ends in y, change it to an i and then add -ed.

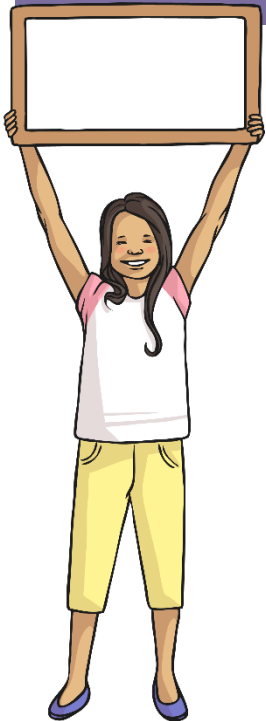
cried

Past Tense Verbs



Some past tense words are irregular. This means they don't follow the rule of adding -ed.

Look at these words. Do you know what the past tense word for these words are? Work with your partner to write them on your whiteboard.



run

swim

begun

go

drink

see



Present Tense Verbs

Present tense words change depending on the sentence they are in. They either have no suffix, -ing suffix or -s/-es suffix.

play

playing

plays

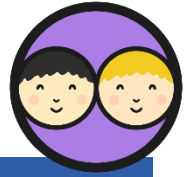
Jimmy is **playing** with his friend Mubeen.

Lucy wakes up and **plays** with her dolls.

I love to **play** football.



Present Tense Verbs



Can you add the suffix -s?

run

swim

cry

jog

Present Tense Verbs



Using the change the tense activity sheet, can you create past and present tense verbs?

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Change the Tense

I can change verbs to past tense verbs.
I can change verbs to present tense verbs.

1. Complete the table with the past verbs and present verbs with the suffix -ing.

Past	Present
played	playing
	talking
	swimming
saw	
drank	

2. Change the tense of the sentences below. The first one has been done for you.

a) John watched the football on TV.

b) He is drinking a cold glass of milk.

c) Layla walked to school this morning.

SPaG (Past and Present) Tenses

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Change the Tense

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1. Complete the table with the past and present words.

Past	Present		
played	play	plays	playing
	talk		
	swim		swimming
saw			
drank			

2. Change the tense of the sentences below. The first one has been done for you.

a) John watched the football on TV.

b) Mary is enjoying her walked.

SPaG (Past and Present) Tenses

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Change the Tense

I can change verbs to past tense verbs.
I can change verbs to present tense verbs.

1. Complete the table with the past and present words.

Past	Present		
played	play	plays	playing
	talk		
	swim		swimming
saw			
drank			
	sleep		
sat	jump	jumps	jumping
watched	watch		
	shout		

2. Change the tense of the sentences below.

a) John watched the football on TV.

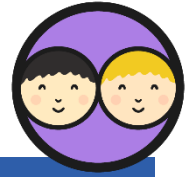
b) Mary is enjoying her walked.

SPaG (Past and Present) Tenses

Review Activity



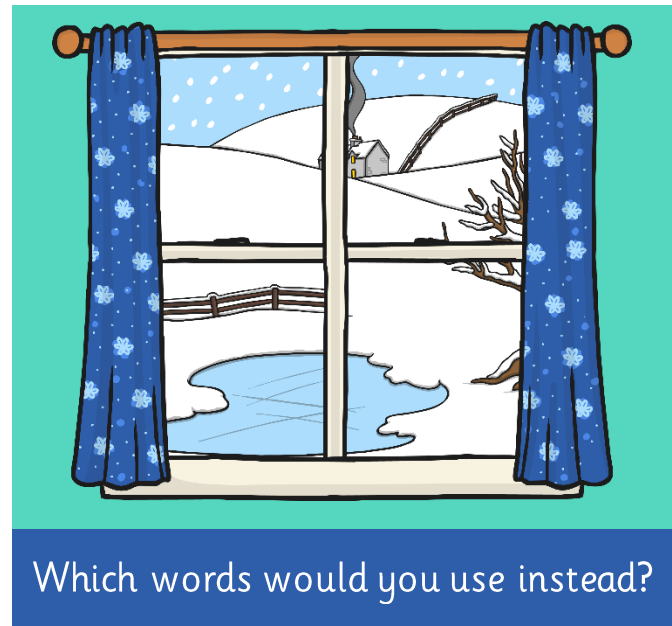
Spot the Mistake



When we are writing it is important that the tense we use stays consistent. That means if we begin writing in the past tense we must use the past tense all the way through.

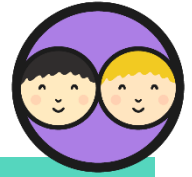
Look at the paragraph below. The writer began writing in the past tense. Can you spot the mistakes?

Lucy woke up early on Sunday Morning. She stretched and looked over to her window. Suddenly, she remembers that it is snowing just before she went to bed last night. She jumped out of bed and races to the window. Outside the ground was covered in deep, soft snow.



Which words would you use instead?

Spot the Mistake



Using the Spot the Mistake Activity Sheet, can you spot when the writer has changed tenses and write in the correct word?

Spot the Mistake

I can identify sentences that are written in the present tense.
I can identify sentences that are written in the past tense.

Read the sentences below. The writer of these sentences has made a mistake. The incorrect word is underlined. Can you write the correct word in the space below each sentence? The first one is done for you.

- a) Jody pushing Sophie higher and higher on the swing.

_____ pushed _____

- b) Sam is looked at the lions as they eat their food.

- c) Lydia is won the spelling competition.

- d) Derryn rides his bike to school yesterday.

- e) Lewis writes his name on his homework book.

Spot the Mistake

I can identify sentences that are written in the present tense.
I can identify sentences that are written in the past tense.

Read the sentences below. Can you spot where the writer has made a mistake with the tense they are using? Underline the word you think is wrong and write the correct word in the space below each sentence. The first one is done for you.

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_____ pushed _____

- b) Sam is looked at the lions as they eat their food.

- c) Lydia is won the spelling competition.

- d) Derryn rides his bike to school yesterday.

Spot the Mistake

I can identify sentences that are written in the present tense.
I can identify sentences that are written in the past tense.
I can use tenses correctly and consistently in my writing.

1. Read the sentences below. Can you spot where the writer has made a mistake with the tense they are using? Underline the word you think is wrong and write the correct word in the space below each sentence. The first one is done for you.

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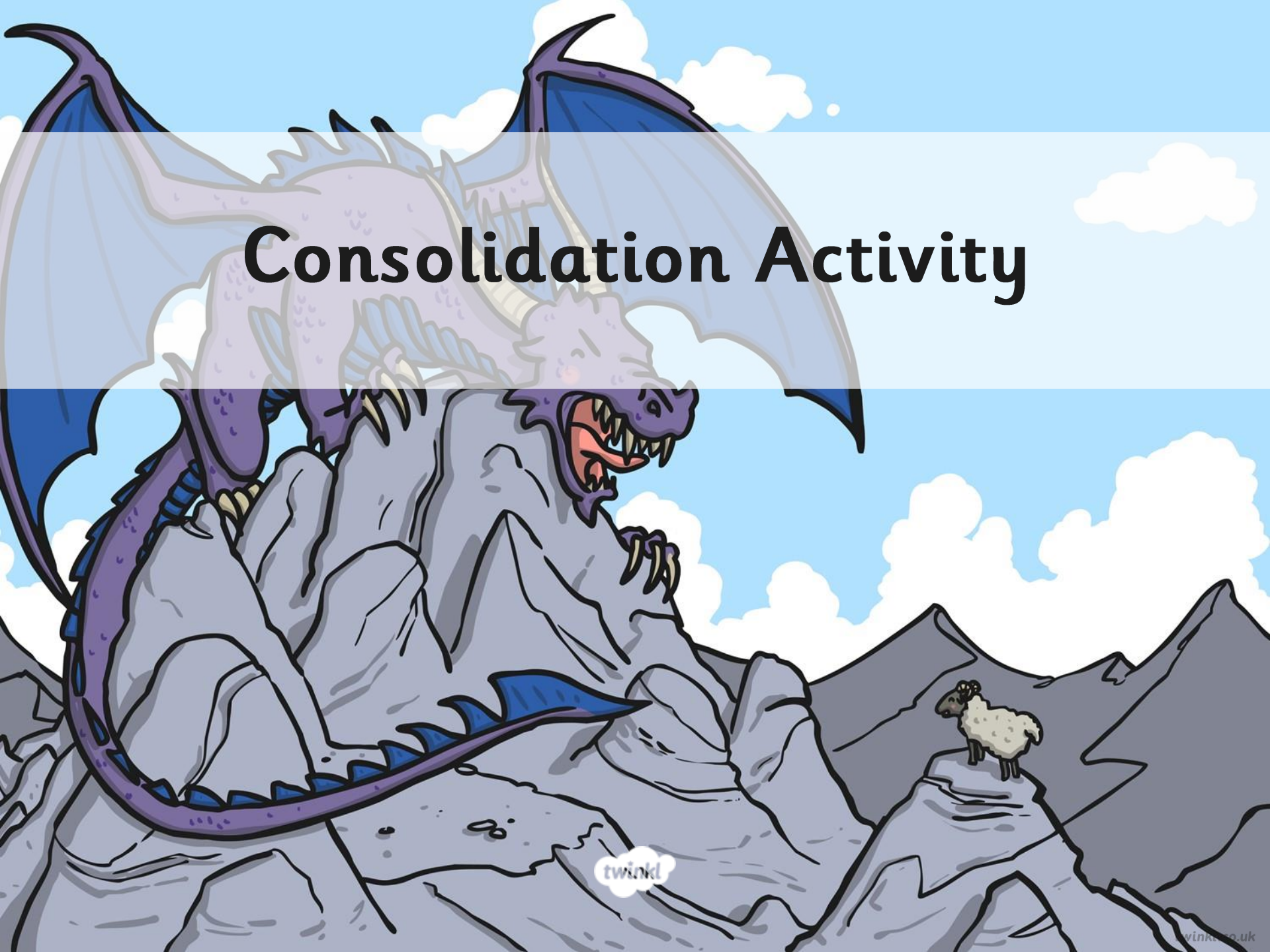
- b) Sam is looked at the lions as they eat their food.

- c) Lydia is won the spelling competition.

- d) Derryn rides his bike to school yesterday.

2. Write your own past tense sentence:

Consolidation Activity



Rewrite the Sentences



There are seven sentences on the sheet. The first four are written in the past tense, can you rewrite them in the present tense? The last three are written in the present tense, can you rewrite them in the past tense?

Scott and Sam are having salmon
for dinner.

**Present
Tense**

Scott and Sam had salmon
for dinner.

**Past
Tense**

Rewrite the Sentences

I can use tenses correctly and consistently in my writing.

1. The three sentences below are written in the past tense. Can you rewrite them so they are in the present tense?

a) Charlotte baked a cake.

b) The boy won his game of chess.

c) The dog wagged his tail.

2. The next three sentences are written in the present tense. Can you rewrite them so they are in the past tense?

a) The cat is very hungry.

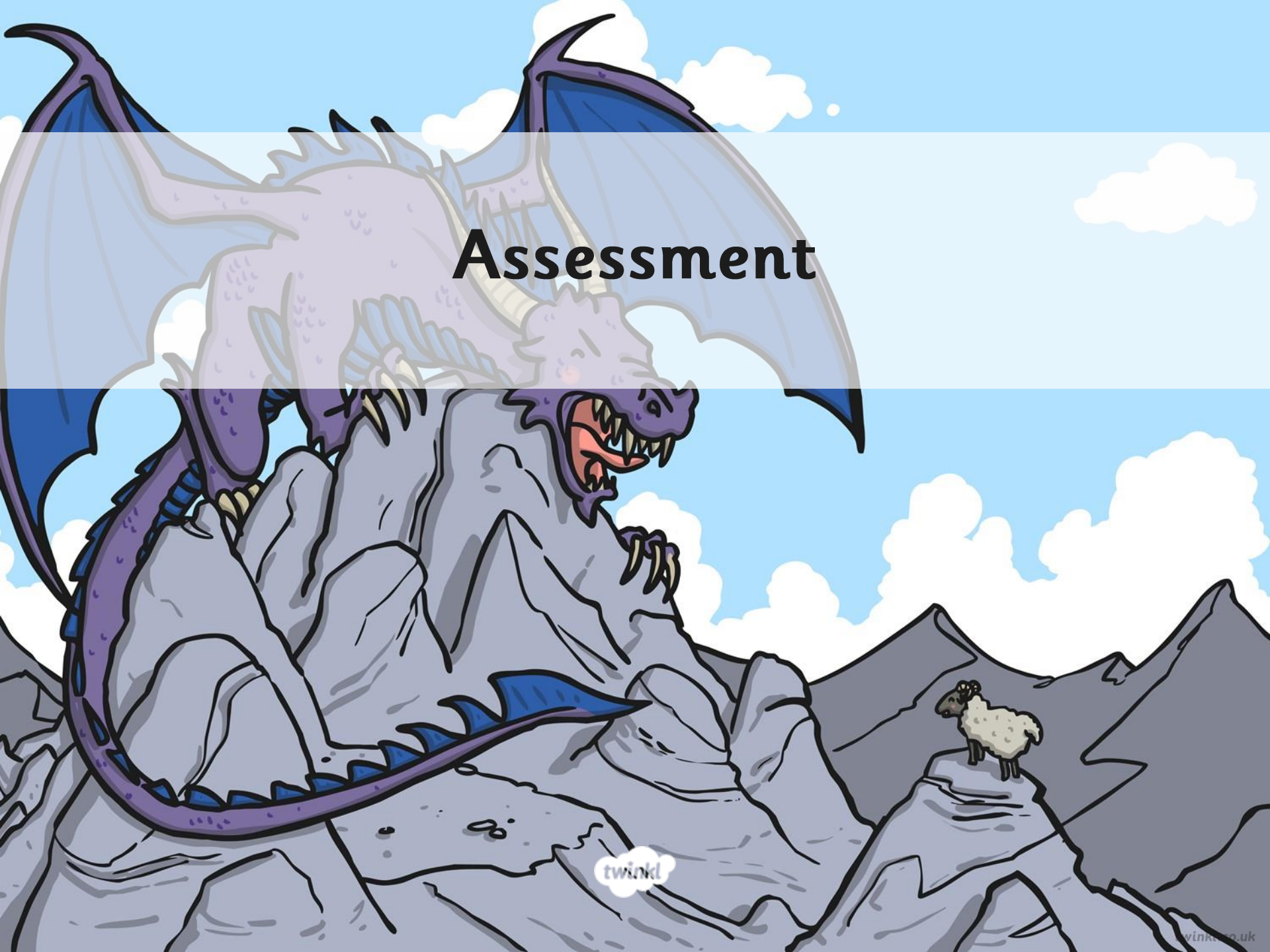
b) I enjoy reading the book.

c) It is raining heavily.



SPaG: Past and Present Tenses

Assessment



Name: 	Date: 	4
Inverted Commas Mini Test		
1. Change the following verbs into past tense verbs. run → eat → write → draw → skip → 		
2. Can you write the correct verb in these sentences? The girl in the race this morning. → run / ran The boy is his bike to school. → riding / rode		
3. Correct this sentence so it is written in the present tense. Samera is walked to school. 		
4. Correct this sentence so it is written in the past tense. William is played football. 		
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Spelling and Punctuation Test

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