

# Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #40

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## **FOCUS** Present Tense Verbs

The **present tense verb** is a physical or mental action or a state of being happening or existing now.

**Examples:** Matthew *walks* slowly around the block. Singular Subject  
Oralia and Rosa *walk* slowly around the block. Plural Subject

## **CONNECT TO WRITING**

The present verb tense can describe a physical or mental action that happens over and over again

**Example:** He *plays* the game like it is a matter of life or death.

The present verb tense is used to discuss literature, art, movies, theater, and music—even if the content is set in the past

**Example:** Thomas Jefferson *states* that “all men are created equal.”

## **PRACTICE**

Re-write these sentences in the spaces provided, changing each verb to the present tense.

1. We tried to find the best deals on the Internet.

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2. He should have listened to what his parents have to say.

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3. Carl Sandberg said, “Fog creeps in on little cat feet, and then slowly moves on.”

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4. I always wanted my own personal size pizza.

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## **WRITE**

Write a sentence to discuss a movie with two or more present tense verbs.

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## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet Answers**

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #39 Practice Answers**

1. The class had already started when the student walked in tardy.
2. I had known by Tuesday that last weekend's game would be canceled.
3. They had shared their feelings about riding skateboards without helmets.
4. By the time I had arrived, Louis had already begun painting the back of the house.

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### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #41 Practice Answers**

1. Phoebe is listening to the teacher as she works.
2. I am running down the street to the end of the block when I see my friend.
3. Nina and Berta are giving money to help those in need during the holiday season.
4. Our teammates are practicing a lot for the first game of our season.

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #42 Practice Answers**

1. Esmerelda has developed a fantastic web site.
2. The ladies have reunited in the same place to continue their friendship once every year.
3. *The storm has threatened to strike since last night.*

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #43 Practice Answers**

1. I will leave school at two o'clock for a dentist appointment.
2. I will talk to my friends, but they just won't listen.
3. You will ask for the movie star's autograph.
4. Computer games will grow more and more important to kids.
5. We will hope that the vacation can continue.

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #44 Practice Answers**

1. We will be running the mile in P.E. today.
2. I will be thinking of you as you celebrate your birthday.
3. Danya and Darla will be watching the movie tonight.
4. They will be volunteering every weekend at the shelter.