



## POPCORN & PICTURES

### Verb Tense Adventure!

Let's have fun with verbs from our story about Lila, Sam, and Tara! We'll practice **Simple Present**, **Simple Past**, and **Simple Future** tenses. These help us talk about what happens now, what happened before, and what will happen later. Get ready for some popcorn-popping activities!

#### 1. Simple Present Tense

We use this for things that happen now or all the time.

**Example from the story:** Lila says the cinema has the best popcorn.

**Pattern:** I/You/We/They + verb | He/She + verb + s

**Example:** I *like* movies. She *likes* popcorn.

#### Activity A: Fill in the Blanks (Simple Present)

Fill in the blanks with the correct verb in Simple Present. Use the words in the box.

like	watch	eat	want
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- Sam \_\_\_\_\_ to save money for movie night.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ popcorn when we watch movies.
- Tara \_\_\_\_\_ funny movies.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ movies at the cinema every weekend.

#### 2. Simple Past Tense

We use this for things that happened before.

**Example from the story:** Lila *clapped* when they made a plan.

**Pattern:** I/You/He/She/We/They + verb + ed (or irregular verb)

**Example:** We *watched* a movie. She *ate* popcorn.

#### Activity B: Change to Simple Past

Change these Simple Present sentences to Simple Past. Watch out for irregular verbs!

- I like a comedy movie. → I \_\_\_\_\_ a comedy movie.
- They eat popcorn. → They \_\_\_\_\_ popcorn.
- Sam wants to stay home. → Sam \_\_\_\_\_ to stay home.
- We watch a movie. → We \_\_\_\_\_ a movie.

#### 3. Simple Future Tense

We use this for things that will happen later.

Example from the story: They *will meet* at Sam's house.

**Pattern:** I/You/He/She/We/They + will + verb

**Example:** I *will watch* a movie tomorrow.

#### Activity C: Write the Future

Write a Simple Future sentence using each verb.

- (watch) I \_\_\_\_\_.
- (eat) We \_\_\_\_\_.
- (go) She \_\_\_\_\_.
- (make) They \_\_\_\_\_.

## Popcorn Tense Party Game!

### Let's Play: Popcorn Tense Toss!

This is a fun game to practice all three tenses. You'll need a small ball (or pretend popcorn!).

#### How to Play:

- Sit in a circle with your class. The teacher says a verb (like "watch," "eat," or "like").
- Toss the "popcorn" (ball) to a student. They say the verb in one tense (Present, Past, or Future).

**Example:** Teacher says "watch." Student says, "I watched a movie!"

- The student tosses the popcorn to another friend, who uses a different tense.

**Example:** "I will watch a movie!"

- Keep going until everyone gets a turn. If you drop the popcorn, say a silly sentence like, "I will eat popcorn forever!"

### Bonus Activity: My Movie Night Story

Write 3 sentences about your own movie night using each tense. Draw a picture to go with it!

- **Simple Present:** (Example: I like funny movies.)

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- **Simple Past:** (Example: I watched a movie last night.)

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- **Simple Future:** (Example: I will eat popcorn tomorrow.)

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#### Space for Drawing:

## Teacher's Key

### Popcorn Tense Party Game!

#### Verb List for the Game (from the story):

- like
- watch
- eat
- want
- clap
- make

**Teacher Tip:** For extra fun, play with real popcorn! If a student answers correctly, they get a piece of popcorn to eat. Keep it light and silly!

### Bonus Activity: My Movie Night Story

**Teacher Tip:** Let students share their mini-stories and drawings in pairs or with the class. Hang the drawings up to make a "Movie Night Wall"!

## Answers

#### Activity A: Simple Present

- Sam *wants* to save money for movie night.
- We *eat* popcorn when we watch movies.
- Tara *likes* funny movies.
- They *watch* movies at the cinema every weekend.

#### Activity B: Simple Past

- I *liked* a comedy movie.
- They *ate* popcorn.
- Sam *wanted* to stay home.
- We *watched* a movie.

#### Activity C: Simple Future (Example answers)

- I *will watch* a movie tonight.
- We *will eat* popcorn at home.
- She *will go* to the cinema.
- They *will make* popcorn with butter.