

# Past, Present & Future Conversation Ideas

Encourage children to talk about events that have happened in the past, are happening in the present and will happen in the future. This will help them explore the tenses and develop an awareness of listeners' needs.

The ideas below will help widen children's vocabulary, strengthen their understanding of verbs and their tenses, and help children develop their own narrative and explanations of events past, present and future.

These pictures show someone in the past, the present and the future. Talk about them and make up a sentence linking to the past, present and future.



Past



Present



Future



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Look at these pictures and fill in the missing words!



**PRESENT:** The cat **eats** from the bowl.

**PAST:** The cat          from the bowl.

**FUTURE:** The cat                from the bowl.



**PRESENT:** The bird **sits** in a tree.

**PAST:** The bird          in a tree.

**FUTURE:** The bird                in a tree.



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## More ideas to help your child talk using past, present and future tenses.



Imagine what life was like in the past. Do you think things were always the same at home:

- One year ago?
- Ten years ago?
- One hundred years ago?

What was different then?

What would these things have been like ten years ago?

- Bus
- Computer
- Mobile phone
- Car
- Book

What would they have been like one hundred years ago?

Did they all exist then?

Together write a story about something that has happened in the past. Draw pictures and illustrate your story.

Make up a play about the past. Ask the children to dress up like someone from the past and someone from the future. Discuss what might be different about their clothing.

Draw a picture of a plane or car in the future.

- What will it look like?
- How will it work?

Talk to the children about what it might be like to live in the future. Ask them to paint or draw pictures of what they think it would be like.



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