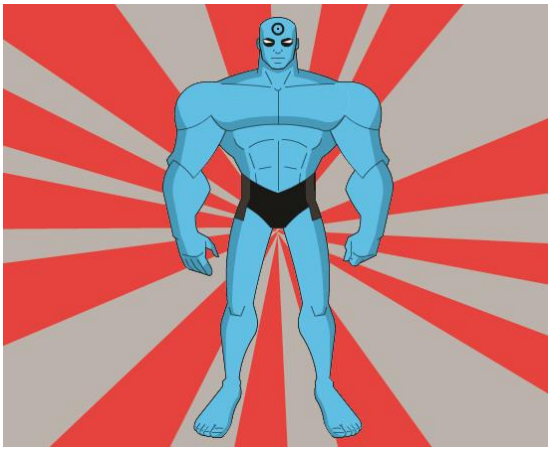

Tense

Tense tells you when something happened: past, present or future.

Rewrite this paragraph in past tense.

You **run** across the road, but a car **comes** by and nearly **knocks** you down. You **race** to the corner of the street, then **leap** over a small, green hedge. You **see** your friend, Billy. He **darts** towards you, then you both **run** towards me. I **join** in, and I **tear** along the road next to you. All three of us **reach** Billy's house and **speed** up the path to his front door. We **arrive** at the door, then **ring** the doorbell. Billy's mum answers, and then **lets** us in for a drink of orange squash.

Rewrite this paragraph in present tense.

The dragon **walked** through the dark, deserted forest, alone except for its magic collar. It **trudged** along the winding path, and then **listened** out for pecking noises – it **felt** hungry, and just **fancied** a woodpecker or two for its dinner. Finally, the red beast **plodded** out of the woodland, and **stepped** into the bright sunshine. It **stopped** short of the village as it **did** not **know** whether or not it would **be** welcome.

Rewrite this paragraph in future tense.

George **rode** towards the dragon, which **had captured** the damsel in distress. She **cried** her eyes out, and then **blew** into her silk handkerchief. He **plunged** his jousting stick deep into the dragon's heart, which **killed** him instantly.