

Most stories are told in the past tense. YOU CAN TELL THIS FROM THE VERBS THAT ARE USED.

- Simple past tense verbs are most often formed in this way: [verb] + [ed].
eg: *look* becomes *looked*.
- Irregular verbs change completely
eg: *sit* becomes *sat*; *is* becomes *was*.

READ THIS FUN STORY ALOUD AND CHANGE THE STORY FROM PRESENT TENSE TO PAST TENSE.

(The underlined words will help you.)

PAST TENSE



THE GREAT MARSHMALLOW CATAPULT

Jake and Mia stand in the backyard, staring at their latest invention — a homemade marshmallow catapult. It is made from a wooden spoon, a rubber band.

'This is going to be awesome,' Jake says, placing a giant marshmallow onto the spoon.

Mia pulls the spoon back. 'Ready?' she asks.

Jake nods. 'Launch it!'

Mia lets go, and the marshmallow soars through the air — right into their dog Max's mouth!

Max chomps down happily, his tail wagging like crazy.

'Whoa!' Jake laughs. 'We have to do that again!'

They adjust the angle. Mia launches another marshmallow, but it bounces off a tree and lands on the roof.

'Oh no!' Mia groans.

'I've got this,' Jake says. He grabs a broom and reaches up, trying to knock it down. But instead, the marshmallow rolls off the roof and lands — SPLAT! — right on his head.

Mia bursts out laughing. 'Nice catch, Jake!'

Jake wipes the sticky mess off his hair. 'Okay, new plan. Let's just eat the marshmallows.'

Max barks in agreement as the three of them sit on the grass, munching on marshmallows and giggling.

