

Grammar – Tense Conversion

Tense Conversion 1 – David Writes a Psalm

Answers:

General Time:

1. *Present Simple:* David **writes** a psalm every day.
2. *Zero Conditional:* If David **writes** a psalm every day, we are very happy.

Present:

3. *Present Continuous:* David **is writing** a psalm b) **at the moment**.
4. *Present Perfect:* David **has written** a psalm c) **today**.
5. *Present Perfect Continuous:* David **has been writing** a psalm a) **this week**.
6. *Imperative Form:* David – **write** a psalm!

Past:

7. *Past Simple:* David **wrote** a psalm b) **yesterday**.
8. *Past Continuous:* David **was writing** a psalm for two hours b) **from 2pm**.
9. *Past Perfect:* David **had written** a psalm before we met a) **a day ago**.
10. *Past Perfect Continuous:* David **had been writing** a psalm b) **before we arrived**.
11. *Third Conditional:* If David **had written** a psalm yesterday, we could have heard it last night.

Future:

12. *Future Simple:* David **will write** a psalm b) **next month**.
13. *Future Continuous:* David **will be writing** a psalm c) **tomorrow afternoon**.
14. *Future with 'going to':* David **is going to write** a psalm c) **at the weekend**.
15. *First Conditional:* If David **writes** a psalm, we will hear it soon.
16. *Second Conditional:* If David **wrote** a very long psalm, we would try to memorise it.
17. *Future Perfect:* David **will have written** a psalm by c) **this time next week**.
18. *Future Perfect Continuous:* David **will have been writing** a psalm for an hour b) **when you arrive**.

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Extension Activities:

Answers will vary. Sample answers:

If you did all the extension activities, you could write up to 12 sentences for each tense (where possible), making a maximum of 216 sentences. For example:

Present Simple: David writes a psalm every day.

Extension 1:

Negative form: David does not write a psalm every day.

Question (yes / no): Does David write a psalm every day? (Yes, he does. / No, he doesn't.)

Extension 2:

Reported Speech: He said David wrote a psalm every day.
He said David did not write a psalm every day.
He asked whether David wrote a psalm every day.

Extension 3:

Passive Voice: A psalm is written (by David) every day.
A psalm is not written (by David) every day.
Is a psalm written (by David) every day?

Extension 4:

Passive Voice in Reported Speech: He said a psalm was written (by David) every day.
He said a psalm was not written (by David) every day.
He asked whether a psalm was written (by David) every day.