**What to do today**

*IMPORTANT! Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and with any weblinks or use of the Internet required.*

**1. Story time**

Go back to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7qMMhJ4iiu8> and re-listen to *Diary of a Wombat.*

**2. Verbs and tenses**

What are verbs? What does being ‘in the past tense’ mean?

* Carefully read *The Past Tense Simple and Progressive Forms and* then go back to the start of *Diary of a Wombat*. Be ready to pause the video so you can see the Monday and Tuesday pages.
* On *Monday’s and Tuesday’s Verbs* record all the verbs used on those days in the diary.
* What tense are the verbs in? Confirm that they are in the past tense.
* Are the verbs in the simple or progressive form of the past tense? Confirm that they are in the simple form of the past tense.

**3. Writing time**

Look at *Wombat’s Simple Past Sentences*.

* Rewrite each sentence using the progressive form of the past tense.
* Now read the sentences on *Wombat’s Progressive Past Sentences.*
* Rewrite each sentence in the simple past tense.
* Check with the *Answers* for both to see how you got on.

**Now try this Fun-Time Extra**

* On Verbs, write down in the past tense any verbs that say what you have done today (watched TV, played in the garden, had lunch).
* Rewrite each one in the progressive past (was watching, was playing).

**The Past Tense – Simple and Progressive Forms**

When we write about things that happened in the past, we can show this by using the **simple past** verb form.

# The kangaroo jumped over the fence.

Often we add -ed to the end of the verb.

Other verbs take different forms to show past tense.

# The kangaroo ate some grass.

To show that the past action was in progress for a period of time, or at the same time as something else, we can use the **past progressive** form.

*The baby koala was holding on tightly while its mother climbed the tree.*

*The koalas were eating leaves from the tree.*

The baby held onto her mother for a while – it takes time to climb a tree. The koalas may not have finished eating leaves.

To write in the **past progressive** form we use helping verbs (was or were) and add -ing to the base verb.

# The cockatoo was flapping its wings in the sunshine. The cockatoo was cracking seeds open with its beak. The birds were squabbling in the trees.

**Monday’s and Tuesday’s Verbs**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** |
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**Wombat’s Simple Past Sentences**

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| * Read each sentence carefully and highlight the verbs.   *Watch out* – some sentences contain more than one verb.   * Rewrite each sentence in the space below but using the progressive form of the past tense. |  |

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| Wombat slept peacefully through the morning. |
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| She gnawed on a carrot. |
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| She fought with a flat, hairy creature. |
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| Wombat dug a deep, dark hole in the garden and hid from the sun. |
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| Mum and Dad nailed up the door and took in their washing. |
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**Wombat’s Progressive Past Sentences**

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* Rewrite each sentence in the space below but using the simple form of the past tense.

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| Wombat was finding her grass dull and tasteless. |
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| The wombat was scratching on the garden chairs and rubbing against the table legs. |
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| Mum and Dad were looking for carrots and oats for the pesky wombat. |
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| The rain was falling and the wombat’s new hole was quickly filling with water. |
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| The children were hearing strange noises from under the house as the wombat was digging a hole there. |
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**Answers**

**Wombat’s Simple Past Sentences**

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| *Wombat was sleeping peacefully through the morning* |
| She gnawed on a carrot. |
| *She was gnawing on a carrot.* |
| She fought with a flat, hairy creature. |
| *She was fighting with a flat, hairy creature.* |
| Wombat dug a deep, dark hole in the garden and hid from the sun. |
| *Wombat was digging a deep, dark hole in the garden and hiding from the sun.* |
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**Answers**

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| The rain was falling and the wombat’s new hole was quickly filling with water. |
| *The rain fell and the wombat’s new hole quickly filled with water.* |
| The children were hearing strange noises from under the house as the wombat was digging its hole there. |
| *The children heard strange noises from under the house as the wombat dug its hole there.* |

**Verbs**

**Today I...**

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| **Simple Past Tense** | **Progressive Past tense** |
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**Here is a picture of me performing one of these actions**

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