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What a mess....what do we need to do to put it right?



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Most of the words that need to be changed are what type of words (think back to last week's literacy focus)?

Tense

When you are writing, especially if it is an extended piece of writing, it is important to keep the tense consistent and appropriate to the task.

Past tense: This morning, I **waited** for the bus.

Present tense: I **am waiting** for the bus / Patiently, I **wait** for the bus.

Future tense: Tomorrow, I **will be waiting** for the bus.

Notice that 'waiting' can be used in any tense. This is called a non-finite verb. Can you think of any more?

Write three sentences connected to this picture, each using a different tense ...



Think

For each subject area, think about the type of writing tasks you do.

Which tense do you generally use for each?

Over the week, make a note in your planner of writing tasks you have completed and what tense they were written in. Ask your teachers if you are unsure.

Can you think of a reason why you might change the tense within a piece of writing?