Answers to the Past Tense Activities

Challenge 1- Note down as many past tense verbs as you can. I have written a couple to get you started...

Answers will vary. As long as it is a verb (doing word) and grammatically correct, you can tick it. Here are a few examples-

Jumped, skipped, skidded, hopped, sprinted, sneezed, snored, sniggered, argued, bickered, beckoned, laughed, stomped, chomped, staggered.

Challenge 2- Take a look at the following sentences. They have been written in the present or future tense. Can you change them into the past tense?

I have written the answers for each one in red

- a) I am hopping on my inflatable space hopper in the back garden.
- I hopped on my inflatable space hopper in the back garden.
- b) Michael is jumping on his large, circular trampoline.

Michael jumped on his large, circular trampoline.

c) My sister really likes her strawberry ice cream!

My sister really liked her strawberry ice cream!

d) Matt is catching an aeroplane to sunny Spain.

Matt caught an aeroplane to sunny Spain.

e) Tomorrow, Billy is going to see the dentist.

Yesterday, Billy went to see the dentist. Or

Last week, Billy went to see the dentist.

Answers may vary, so long as you are saying Billy has already been.

Challenge 3- The following sentences do not really make sense as the tense is all over the place. Can you write out the sentence so that it is written perfectly in the past tense. This time, I haven't highlighted which words you will need to change so take your time and look at them carefully. Top tip- re-read the sentence. Does it make sense?

Again, answers are in red underneath.

f) Everyone sing happy birthday to me and I blow out the candles on my pretty pink cake.

Everyone sang happy birthday to me and I blew out the candles on my pretty pink cake.

g) When I ride my bike, I hit a kerb and fall off. I break my leg so the ambulance come.

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h) My grandad take me fishing last Friday, I catched a big carp, he take a photo of me.

My grandad took me fishing last Friday. I caught a big carp, he took a photo of me.

I) My Nanna teach me how to sew. With her help I make some beautiful clothes for my little sister, Nina.

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j) Tomorrow, Tony fix his neighbour's car. She buy him some chocolate to say thank you.

Yesterday, Tony fixed his neighbour's car. She bought him some chocolate to say thank you.