



Writing a Sentence

Writing Boot Camp: Basics

Learning Targets

- Students will be able to write sentences using proper mechanics and grammar.
- Students will be able to correctly use and identify parts of speech (noun, verb, adjective, adverb).

Writing a Proper Sentence

Simple Sentence...

1 Start with a noun

Proper Noun

Pronoun

Subject Noun

2 Then a verb

3 Then an object
noun, if needed

4 And adverbs or
adjectives to your
sentence as
necessary

Examples...

Nouns

- Nouns can be proper nouns, pronouns, or common nouns
- Mary (proper noun); She (pronoun); Girl (common noun)
- Nouns can be subjects or objects.
- If Mary is doing something she is the subject.
- If something is being done to Mary she is an object.
- Example: **Mary (subject)** cooks **chicken dumplings (object)**.

Verbs

- “action words”
- Ex: walk, act, shoot, kick, punch, eat, digest, cry, jump, cook, look, feel...
- Example: Mary **cooks (verb)** chicken dumplings.

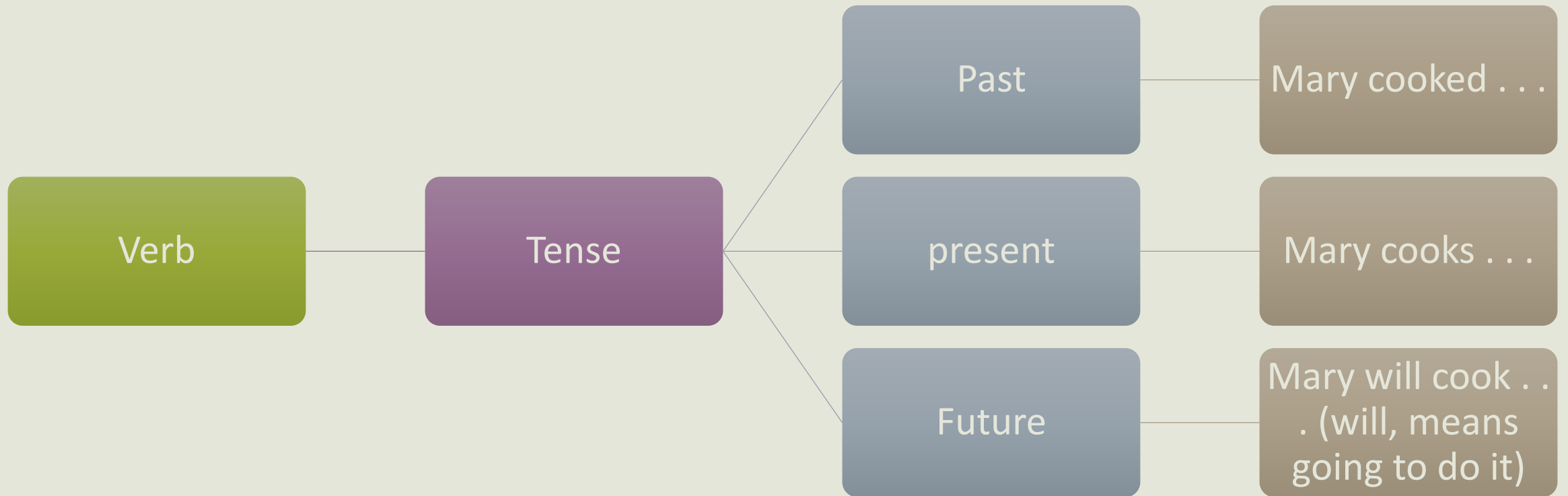
Adjectives

- Describe a noun
- Ex: black, white, gross, ugly, hot, expensive, cheap...
- Mary cooks **gross (adjective)** chicken dumplings.

Adverbs

- Modify verbs or adjectives
- Ex: loudly, softly, randomly, really, firmly, quietly
- Mary cooks **really (adverb)** gross (adjective) chicken dumplings.
- Mary **quietly (adverb)** cooks (verb) gross chicken dumplings.

When writing a sentence, always be sure you choose the correct verb tense (ex: past, present, and future).



Practice!

- Go to the **Writing a Sentence Exercises** and complete the exercises before you move on to the next section, “Writing a Paragraph.”
- Special thanks to the Purdue online writing lab
<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>.