



**Today, we'll continue to read Ice Palace.  
You'll need your summary from last week to  
help remind you what happened.**

**Then we're going to do some work on verbs and  
tenses.**

# Use your summary from yesterday to recap the story so far.



It was a land where...

In the summer...



The sound of the sled hissing...

One silent night...



... the sled tracks led into the forest.



Ivan climbed into bed without taking his clothes off.

Let's read  
some more.

After his parents had gone to bed and the house was still, Let's read some more.

Ivan slipped out of bed and pulled on his boots. Then he took his fur parka and moved quietly to the door. Moments later he was across the warm, dark kitchen and out into the freezing wind.

Next morning the people were awakened by a terrible cry from the blacksmith's house. The blacksmith's wife had crept early into Ivan's room and found his bed empty. All that day the people stood about the village in groups, talking, but nobody had heard Starjik come again, and nobody could remember having known anyone as unlucky as the blacksmith and his wife.

And far away, through the forest and over the hill walked Ivan. He wore his fur parka, and between his teeth he held a squirrel-tail,



for if he had not, the wind would have  
12 highlighters  
frozen his breath into a mask of ice on his  
face.

Ivan was afraid. He was more afraid than  
6 highlighters  
he had ever been, for nobody had ever seen  
Starjik's land, and lived to return home. His  
head was bowed and he cried a little as he  
went along, and his tears became pips of ice  
before they touched the snow. He was  
afraid, and sometimes he almost turned  
around, to follow his footprints back to his  
father's house. But then he would see in his  
mind a picture of his brother, holding out  
his arms and crying, in a place that was cold  
beyond imagining. And then Ivan would  
brush away his tears and go on.

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**What is a verb?**

A verb is a doing word.

**Why are they important?**

Verbs tell you what is happening and the time at which they happen.

We call this the tense of the verb.

# **Today we're looking at verbs**

**Verbs can be in the past, present or future tense.**

**There are different forms of these 3 tenses. Today we'll be looking at two forms of the past tense.**

# Today we're looking at verbs

If something happened yesterday we say it is in the past tense.

I went to school last week.

This is called the **past simple tense**.

# Today we're looking at verbs

If something happened over a period of time but in the past we say it is in the past perfect tense.

I **had been** at school for a while before it was closed.

This is called the **past perfect**.

## Past simple

Ivan **went** to bed.

His mum **checked** he was asleep.

He **left** the house.

## Past perfect

Ivan **had gone** to bed.

His mum **had checked** he was asleep.

He **had left** the house.

**What is the same? What is different?**

# What is the same? What is different?

That's right.

They're both in the past tense.

In the past perfect sentences they all have “had”.

## Activity 1

# Spot the past simple and past perfect verbs in this piece of text.

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Past perfect tense

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Past tense



Past perfect tense

**How did  
you do?**

## Activity 2

**Summarise what has happened to Ivan in the passage we read today.**

**Try to use both the past simple and past perfect tenses.**

**Underline the verbs and say if they are past simple (ps) or past perfect (pp).**

**See an example on the next slide.**

## Activity 2 Introduction

After his parents had gone to bed, Ivan slipped out of his bed and left. The next day his mother crept into his room. She screamed because she had found his bed empty.

All the people in the village talked about how unlucky the blacksmith and his wife were. Nobody had heard Starjik come again, and nobody knew anyone as unlucky as the blacksmith and his wife.