Text-based Intervention Grammar (Verbs)

**Verbs**

**Present Progressive**
In present progressive the action is not complete, but ongoing.

- John is flying a kite
- The boy is swimming

**Present Tense**
The action is completed now. We add an /s/ to the end of the verb (action word).

- A man shaves
- An artist paints
- Karen watches television
- Mum washes the clothes

**Future Tense**
The action will be completed some time in the future.

- Lyn will have seen me play
- I shall have fun tomorrow

**Perfect Tense**
The action is in the present and has been completed now.

- James has poured a drink
- Peter has written a story

**Past Tense**
In the past tense the action was completed some time in the past.

- Regular Past Tense (-ed)
  - I waited at the bus station
  - We planted the trees

- Irregular Past Tense (spelling changes)
  - I slept in the bed last night
  - We built a new tree house

**Noun-Verb Agreement**
We use the word ‘is’ to tell what one person is doing, and use the word ‘are’ to describe what two or more people are doing

- Correct
  - He is fishing
  - We are fishing

- Incorrect
  - We is fishing
  - He are fishing

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