Grammar Focus: Verbs and Tenses

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Instructions: Read each passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb shown in brackets. Make sure your verbs match the tense of the rest of the passage.

Passage 1 (Past Tense)

Last weekend, my family and I _____ (visit) my grandmother in Taupo. We _____ (leave) early in the morning and _____ (arrive) just before lunch. Grandma _____ (prepare) a delicious roast dinner for us. After we _____ (eat), my brother and I _____ (play) in the garden while the adults _____ (talk) inside. Before we left, Grandma _____ (give) us each a bag of homemade biscuits to take home.

Passage 2 (Present Tense)

Every morning, Sarah _____ (wake) up at 6:30 am. She _____ (brush) her teeth and _____ (get) dressed for school. Her mum usually _____ (make) breakfast while Sarah _____ (pack) her school bag. They _____ (walk) to school together, and Sarah always _____ (arrive) on time. She _____ (enjoy) seeing her friends before class _____ (begin).

Passage 3 (Future Tense)

Next month, our class _____ (go) on a school trip to the museum. We _____ (learn) about New Zealand's natural history. The tour guide _____ (show) us the dinosaur exhibit first. After that, we _____ (explore) the Māori culture section. Everyone _____ (bring) their own lunch, and we _____ (eat) in the museum gardens. I think it _____ (be) a fantastic day!

Passage 4 (Mixed Tenses - Challenge!)

Right now, I _____ (sit) at my desk doing my homework. Yesterday, I _____ (forget) to complete my maths assignment, so today I _____ (need) to finish both yesterday's work and today's. Tomorrow, I _____ (remember) to write everything in my planner. My teacher always _____ (say) that organisation is important. Last week, she

> _____ (teach) us how to use a timetable. From now on, I _____ (try) my best to stay organised!