

WINDMILL CAT



1. Read the opening of the story, shown below. Is it **past tense** or **present tense**?

Katje had an easy life. She lived with Nico the miller in a Dutch village by the sea. While Nico ground grain in his windmill, Katje chased mice.

Tick one.

Past tense

☐

Present tense

☐

1 mark

2. Write **past** or **present** in the boxes to show if the underlined verb is in the past or the present tense.

- a) Up and down the ladders she prowled, searching behind sacks of grain.

- b) "Every miller needs a cat like Katje," Nico told the villagers.

3 marks



3. Draw a circle around **all five verbs** in this part of the story.

At night Katje slept on a soft pillow beside Nico in the house by the mill. On Sundays they walked along the dike that protected the village from the sea. Katje chased seagulls. Nico watched for storms.

2 marks

4. Rewrite the **verbs** in the next part of the story in the **present tense**.

One has been done for you.

	Past tense	Present tense
	One day everything <u>changed</u> .	<i>changes</i>
a	Nico <u>married</u> a young woman called Lena	
b	and that night when Katje <u>jumped</u> into bed	
c	she <u>found</u> Lena lying on her pillow.	
d	The next day Lena <u>began</u> to sweep.	
e	She <u>swept</u> the house.	

3 marks

5. The next part of the story uses **apostrophes** to make some of the words shorter.

Katje wouldn't let Lena sweep her. But she left a trail of white paw-prints and Lena saw them. "Shoo, Katje," she cried. "You're too dusty." Life wasn't easy any more.

One day Katje woke to the sound of sawing. "I'm making a cradle," Nico said.

Fill the gaps in the table below and write out the underlined words in full. One has been done for you.

	Word with an apostrophe	Words in full
	<u>wouldn't</u>	would not
a	<u>You're</u>	
b	<u>wasn't</u>	
c	<u>I'm</u>	

3 marks

6. Find **two** more examples of the **apostrophe** showing missing letters in the next part of the story, and complete the table below.

Soon a baby called Anneke was born. Katje didn't mind. There was room enough for both of them. But Lena said, "Shoo, Katje. You'll make Anneke sneeze."

	Word with an apostrophe	Words in full
a		
b		

2 marks

7. Find and copy all **six verbs** in the next part of the story.

Katje played with Anneke when Lena wasn't looking. Katje patted the ribbons on the cradle. Anneke giggled and Katje meowed. This was fun.

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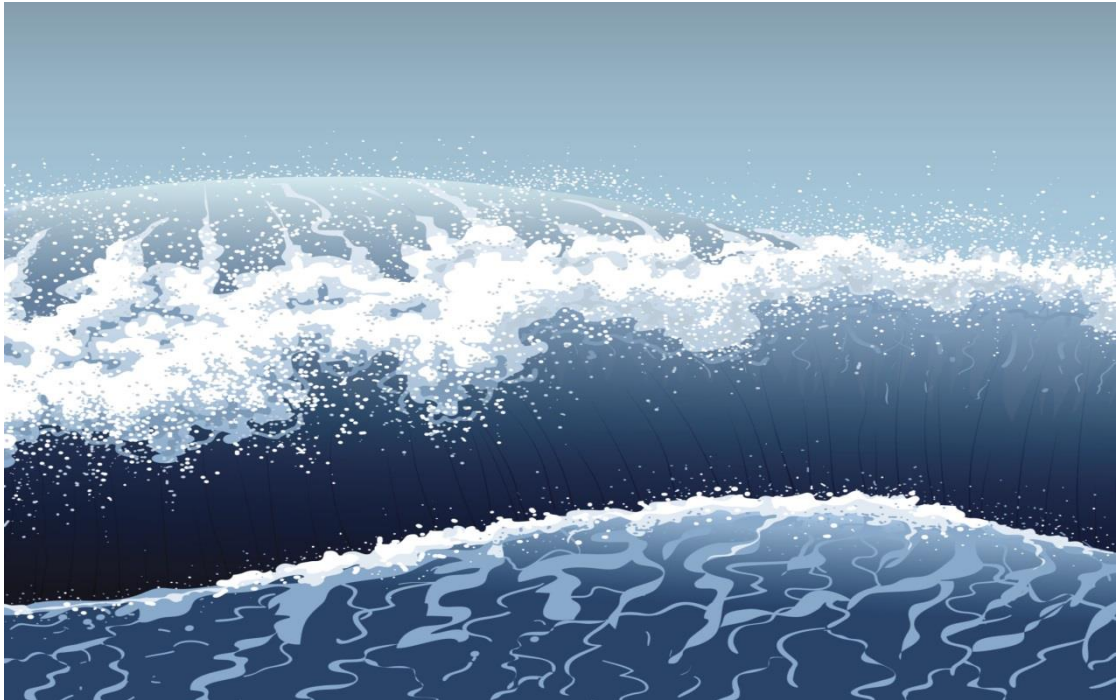
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8. The **present progressive tense** shows something is still happening.

Circle the verb in the **present progressive** in the next part of the story below.

Suddenly, a crowd of villagers ran down the road. "The dike has broken! The sea is flooding the village!" Church bells clanged. Water rushed into the house. Katje jumped on Anneke's cradle.

1 mark



9. Draw lines to match **each sentence** with its correct type.

The first one has been done for you.

Some villagers stood on rooftops	★	★	command
"There's a cradle!"	★	★	statement
"Is there a baby in it?"	★	★	statement
A wagon wheel whirled past.	★	★	exclamation
"Look over there."	★	★	statement
The cradle tipped back and forth	★	★	question

3 marks

10. Explain why the underlined words have a capital letter in the last sentence of the story.

Katje had a busy life. She played with Anneke and chased mice in the windmill.

a) She has a capital letter because _____

b) Anneke has a capital letter because _____

2 marks



11. Choose the best option to complete the sentence.

After the storm the villagers _____ a bigger, stronger dike to hold back the sea.

Tick **one**.

build ☐

will build ☐

are building ☐

built ☐

1 mark

12. Choose the best option to complete the sentence.

They named the new dike the 'Children's Dike'. This was to remember the baby who _____ by the brave cat.

Tick **one**.

was saving ☐

is saving ☐

was saved ☐

is saved ☐

1 mark



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