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| drank             |  |

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a. John watches the football on TV.  
John **watched** football on TV.

b. He walks to school.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ to school.

c. Layla paddles in the sea.  
Layla \_\_\_\_\_ in the sea.

d. Uri cooks for all the family.  
Uri \_\_\_\_\_ for all the family.

Challenge yourself and try these trickier questions!

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| chased            |  |
| knew              |  |
|                   | study  |
| cancelled         |  |
|                   | hear   |

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a. John watches the football on TV.

John **watched** football on TV.

b. He sits quietly on the chair.

He \_\_\_\_\_ quietly on the chair.

c. She smiles warmly at her classmates.

She \_\_\_\_\_ warmly at her classmates.

d. Sofia throws the javelin with great skill.

Sofia \_\_\_\_\_ the javelin with great skill.

3. Change these sentences so that they are written in the simple present tense. The first one has been done for you.

a. Anna finished her dinner slowly.

Anna **finishes** her dinner slowly.

b. Oliver carried the heaviest bags.

Oliver \_\_\_\_\_ the heaviest bags.

c. She swapped her stickers for conkers.

She \_\_\_\_\_ her stickers for conkers.

d. The family travelled to Scotland for winter.

The family \_\_\_\_\_ to Scotland for winter.