

Transcript: Using tenses consistently

Context: Small group shared writing

- **Teacher:** When I compare the third sentence we have written with the first two, it doesn't look quite right to me. I wonder what the problem might be?
- **Student 1:** The first two say what Jade did last week, but the third one is like she is doing it right now.
- **Teacher:** Well done. The first two sentences are about something that happened in the past. They are in the "past" tense. The third is in the "present" tense, which means it happens now. The verb in these sentences gives the information about when something happened. Who can tell me the verbs in the first two sentences?
- **Student 2:** Went and ... got?
- **Teacher:** That's right. I "went" to Te Papa, and I "got" very wet. Both of these are past tense. How can we change the verb in the third sentence?
- **Student 1:** Which is the verb?
- **Teacher:** Remember that the verb shows what the person is doing.
- **Student 1:** Is it enjoy?
- **Teacher:** Yes it is enjoy. So how do you show that in the past? Start your sentence with "At the museum".
- **Student 1:** It would be "At the museum, I 'enjoyed' the paintings by Monet."
- **Teacher:** Excellent. You changed enjoy into the past tense by adding "ed".