

Past, Present, Future

2nd Grade

How a timeline works, and where 'now' sits on it.

A timeline puts events in order, oldest on the left.

1 THE PAST

Everything that has already happened. It cannot change.

2 THE PRESENT

Right now — this second. It is always moving.

3 THE FUTURE

What has not happened yet. Nobody knows it for certain.

4 ORDER MATTERS

On a timeline, left is earlier and right is later. Always.

YOUR OWN TIMELINE

born → first steps → started school → today → next birthday

Words that signal time: before, after, then, next, finally, long ago, one day.