

The Present, Past, and Future Tenses

Decide whether the underlined verb or verb phrase is in the present, past, or future tense. Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

1. A few thousand artificial satellites orbit Earth.
A present B past C future
2. These satellites belong to the United States, Russia, and a handful of other nations.
A present B past C future
3. Other countries will join the group of satellite-launching nations.
A present B past C future
4. The Soviet Union launched Sputnik I in 1957.
A present B past C future
5. This satellite holds the honor of being the first satellite in space.
A present B past C future
6. The United States sent Explorer I into space in 1958.
A present B past C future
7. Since then, thousands of satellites followed these first ones.
A present B past C future
8. You and I use some of these satellites everyday!
A present B past C future
9. We will continue to find uses for space satellites.
A present B past C future
10. Today, we receive television data from satellites.
A present B past C future
11. Cell phones also rely on the use of satellites.
A present B past C future
12. In the beginning, satellites mostly transmitted scientific information.
A present B past C future
13. Scientists learned much about our solar system through satellite data.
A present B past C future
14. They will continue to learn more and more with each new satellite launch!
A present B past C future
15. Satellites collect all kinds of information.
A present B past C future
16. They track the locations of large ships, planes, and even cars with special equipment.
A present B past C future
17. Maybe someday they will track you and me!
A present B past C future
18. Over time, scientists will discover many new uses for satellites.
A present B past C future
19. They organized the kinds of satellites into about four or five different groups.
A present B past C future
20. They will add more categories as time goes by!
A present B past C future