

Step 1: Recognising Simple Past and Present Tenses

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The sentence is written in the simple present tense because if it were written in the simple past tense it would be: He rolled the ball down the hill.