Using verbs

Verbs are ‘doing’ words:

- They tell you what is happening in a sentence.
- They show what we do or how we feel.

For example:

- In the sentence ‘Sara ate all the chocolates’, the verb is ‘ate’.
- In the sentence ‘She loves them’, the verb is ‘loves’.
- In the sentence ‘Sara will stop this bad habit’, the verb is ‘will stop’.

Verbs also tell you when something happens by changing form. These different forms are called tenses.

- In the first sentence, Sara ate the chocolates some time ago. It was in the past. ‘Ate’ is the past tense.
- In the second sentence, Sara loves chocolates now. It is in the present. ‘Loves’ is the present tense.
- In the third sentence, Sara will stop in a while. It is in the future tense.

Verbs change when they are in the past, present or future. For example:

- ‘She ate’ in the past becomes ‘she eats’ in the present and ‘she will eat’ in the future.
- ‘He loved’ becomes ‘he loves’ in the present and ‘he will love’ in the future.