

Tenses



1. We usually ... Easter at Christmas

celebrate

celebrates

is celebrating



2. His granny ... eggs now.

painting

is painting

are painting





3. I ... last New Year
with my relatives

celebrate

is celebrating

celebrated



4. Look! My sister... fireworks with them.

is watching

watched

watches

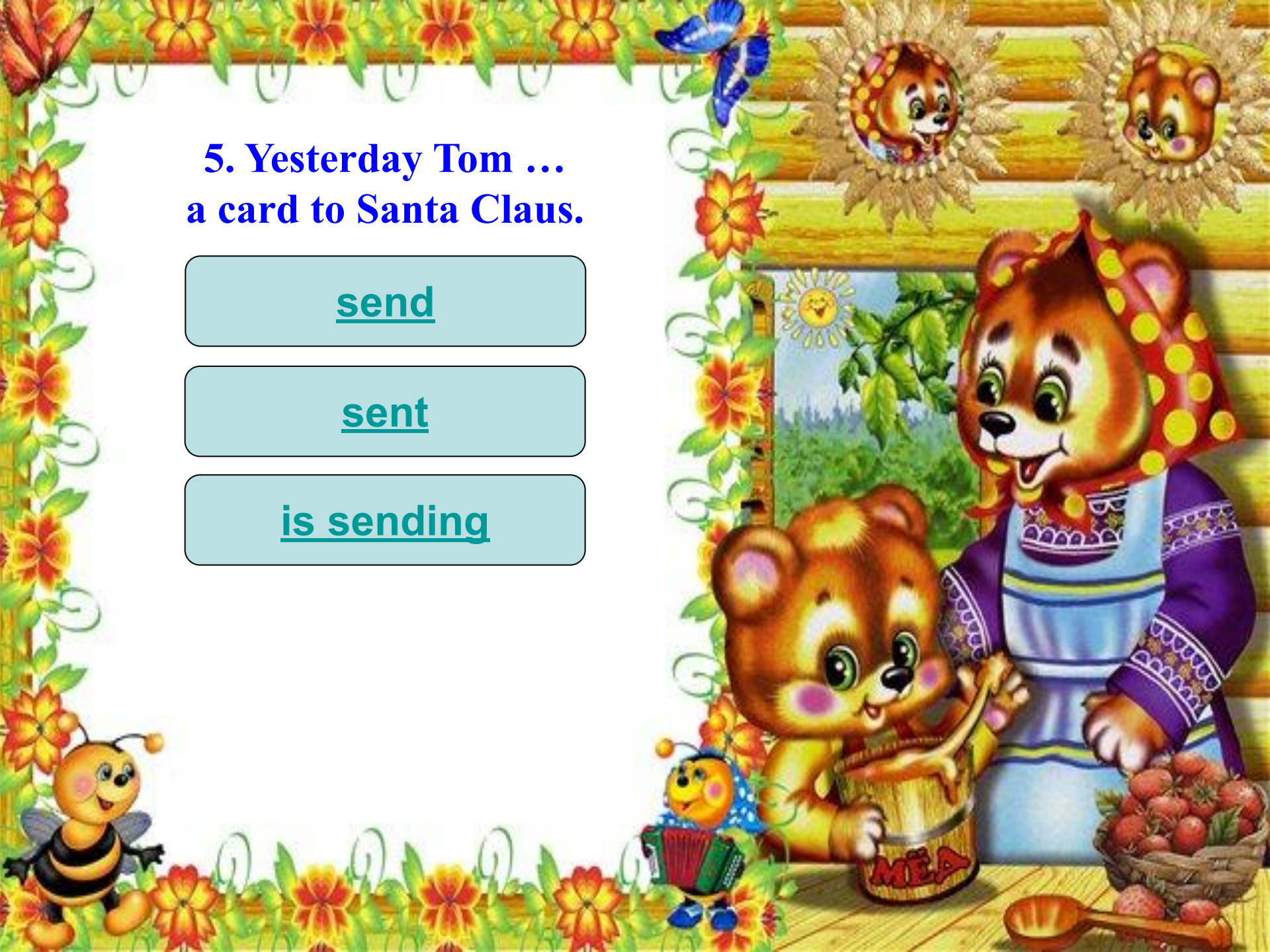


5. Yesterday Tom ...
a card to Santa Claus.

send

sent

is sending






6. Bob's mum always ...
a birthday cake for him.

is making

make

makes



7. They ... a parade
in Minsk last year

watch

watched

watches



8. Halloween ... in autumn.

is

has

was

9. Pupils ... the longest holidays in summer.

have

has

is having





10. They ... their flat
with flowers.

is decorating

decorating

are decorating

Form Present Simple

HELPFUL HINTS

S + verb + object ...

I/we/they/you + like + tea.
He/she/it + likes + tea.

Use it for ...

- * Facts.
- * Habitual actions.
- * Things that don't/won't change.
- * Describing yourself.

S + don't/doesn't + verb + object ...

I + don't + like + tea.
She + doesn't + like + tea.

Signal words

- Adverbs of frequency, like:
- * Often
 - * Usually
 - * Sometimes
 - * Never

Do/Does + S + verb + object?

Do + you/we/they/I + like + tea?
Does + he/she/it + like + tea?

BUT REMEMBER



*** The verb 'to be' is different ***

I + am (Australian.)
He/she/it + is (clever.)
you/we/they + are (nice.)

Form

Present Continuous

HELPFUL HINTS

- I + am + verb(ing)
- He/she/it + is + verb(ing)
- They/we/you + are + verb(ing)

I am reading a book.
 He/she/it is watching TV.
 They/we/you are playing tennis.

- I + am + not + verb(ing)
- He/she/it + isn't + verb (ing)
- They/we/you + aren't + verb(ing)

I am not reading a book.
 He/she/it isn't watching TV.
 They/we/you aren't playing tennis.

- Are + they/we/you + verb(ing)?
- Is + he/she/it + verb(ing)?
- Am + I + verb(ing)?

Am I reading a book?
 Is he/she/it watching TV?
 Are they/you/we playing tennis?

Use it for ...

- * Things happening NOW.
- * Temporary actions.
- * Things that will change.
- * Describing a current action.

Signal words

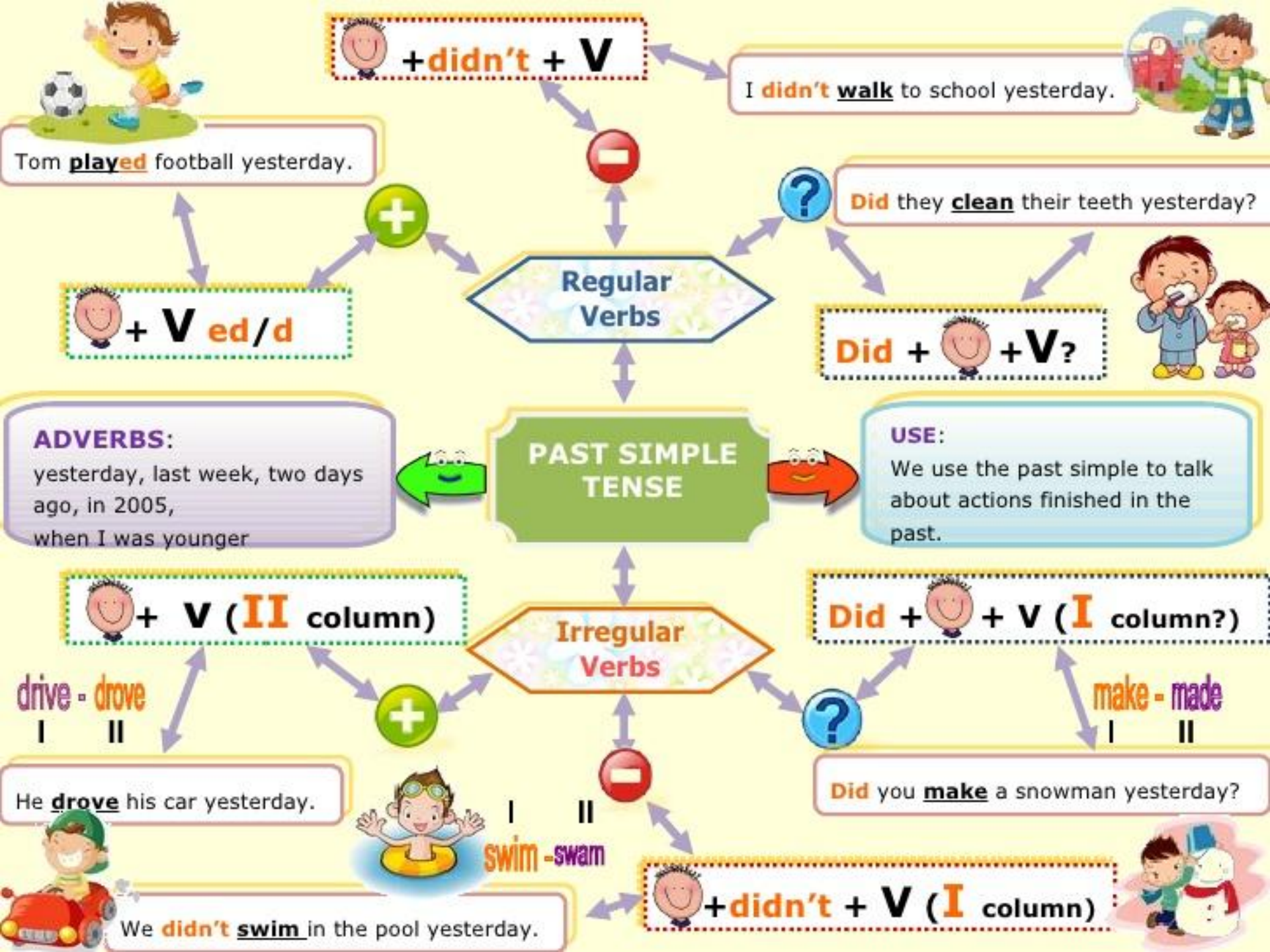
- * At the moment
- * Right now
- * Currently

REMEMBER

Present Continuous can also be used for the future. We use it for things that we have made definite arrangements to do:

- * 'I am having dinner with my friend tonight.'
- * 'I am playing football with my team this weekend.'





Well done!

