**Learning Objective**

We are learning how to write sentences in both the simple past tense and its present perfect form.

**Challenge 1**

**Complete the following simple past tense sentences with the correct verb from the list below.**

**devoured**

**built**

**constructed**

**discovered**

**backed**

**squirted**

**scurried**

1. The colossal ant nest was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on an old tree stump.
2. The ants \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their nest from pine needles.
3. The ants \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ around their nest looking for building materials.
4. The domed nests were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the forest floor amongst the pine trees.
5. The wood ants \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ miniature fountains of acid at their enemy’s face.
6. The cow \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ away as the unpleasant spray entered her nostrils.
7. The hungry wood ants \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the large beetle in a matter of minutes.

**Challenge 2**

**Rewrite the following sentences in the past tense using the present perfect form. Remember - in the present perfect, a sentence must include the word ‘has’ or ‘have’ and the main verb (bold) must end in –ed (unless it is an irregular verb).**

1. The super strong ants are **dragging** the enormous caterpillar back to their nest.

**e.g. The super strong ants have dragged the enormous caterpillar back to their nest.**

1. Sir David Attenborough is **looking** for the termite mound.
2. The ants are **beginning** their lives as an egg.
3. The queen wood ant may **live** for 10 – 15 years.
4. The queen is **living** deep inside the nest.
5. The wood ants are **collecting** honeydew from the aphids.
6. The wood ants are **defending** their nest from the clumsy hoofed herbivores.

**Now use your editing skills to add an additional word to each sentence to make it more descriptive.**



**Challenge 3**

**Using some of the descriptive words from the Word Wall, see if you can write your own sentences about wood ants (or ants in general). Try to include a mixture of sentences that are in the simple past tense and its present perfect form.**

**Word Wall**

colony

wood ants

acid

sprayed

pine needles

defended

nest

aggressively

destroyed

dragged

constructed

foraged