

### 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.

scurried

squirted

backed

discovered

constructed

built

devoured

- 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.

- 2) Sir David Attenborough is **looking** for the termite mound.
- 3) The ants are **beginning** their lives as an egg.
- 4) The queen wood ant may **live** for 10 - 15 years.
- 5) The queen is **living** deep inside the nest.
- 6) The wood ants are **collecting** honeydew from the aphids.
- 7) 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.

