

## Exercise – Change from Past-Tense to Present-Tense

**Exercise - Change the Past-tense short story below to the present-tense.**

When my daughter was in university in Montreal Canada she was introduced to drugs in a very unusual way. She started doing volunteer work at a student theatre and was put in charge of conducting casting interviews and actor selection. She was sitting behind a desk doing interviews one-by-one. Late one afternoon a handsome actor-want-to-be walked into the room, he smiled, shook her hand, and was off to a good start. While she was interviewing him, she became suspicious that he might be high on drugs. She finished the interview, shook his hand, and told him that the casting decisions would be made in the next few days. Her suspicions were confirmed when he walked out of the room...carrying the chair he had been sitting on. My daughter sat there in astonishment.

**Dave's Revision - Change Past-Tense to Present-Tense:**

Answer: Picture my daughter in university in Montreal Canada, just about to have her first experience with illegal drugs. She's sitting at a desk in an office conducting interviews with actors for an upcoming play at the student theatre.

There is a knock on the door, and a handsome actor-want-to-be walks into the room. He smiles and shakes her hand. While interviewing him my daughter thinks, *"I'm sure this guy is high on drugs."*

As the interview finishes, they shake hands again and she tells him, *"Casting selections will be made in the next few days."* Her drug suspicions are confirmed as he leaves the room...carrying his chair!