

## UNIT 3 FOCUS ON WRITING A COMPARISON/CONTRAST ESSAY

### Writing with Correct Verb Tenses

When you write, choose your words carefully. Use lively verbs in the correct tense to show when events occur.

- At first, I played marbles like a beginner. Then I learned some tricks and techniques. Now I consider myself to be a decent player. Next month I will compete in the championships.

- A** Replace each underlined verb with a verb from the box. Use the correct tense to make the order of events clear. Write the paragraph.

tremble    develop    adore    erase    terrify    yearn

**1.** When I was younger, sports scared me. **2.** I shook when it was time for gym class. **3.** Now I love playing sports. **4.** I want to join the football team. **5.** Soon I make bigger muscles to get stronger. **6.** In a while, I stop all my doubts about participating in school sports.

- B** Add a verb of your own to complete each sentence. Then add a closing sentence. Write the paragraph.

**7.** Last year I \_\_\_\_ a new school. **8.** I \_\_\_\_ the choir to make new friends and learn how to sing. **9.** At first, I \_\_\_\_ like a frog. **10.** Now I \_\_\_\_ like a pro. **11.** My teacher even \_\_\_\_ my singing last month. **12.** Next month we \_\_\_\_ a recital for the entire school. **13.** I \_\_\_\_ not to be nervous. **14.** \_\_\_\_

- C** Write a paragraph about something you learned how to do. Compare how your skills were when you started and how they improved. Use correct verb tenses to make your writing clear.