**Consistent Tense**

**Directions:** Remember that whether you choose to write in present, past or future tense, you must be consistent. If you begin writing in present, you cannot switch to past. Read the following summary and choose an appropriate tense. Then look at all the underlined verbs and make sure they are in that tense.

“The Blue Jackal Who Showed His True Colors” **is** about a jackal who **is** not himself. One day a jackal **is running** away from dogs and **fell** in blue dye. Later the blue jackal **goes** off to the jungle and **wanted** to become king. Because of his royal color, the other animals **believed** he **was** a king. A short time later, the blue jackal **wants** to get rid of the other jackals. The other jackals **reminded** him of his humble origins. Meanwhile the other jackals **know** he was a fake because they **recognized** his smell. Afterwards the other jackals **come** up with a plan to show the blue jackal’s true colors; they **made** him howl. As a result, the other animals **find** out who he really **was** and **kicked** him out. The lesson **is** don’t ever be someone you aren’t because will end up like the blue jackal.