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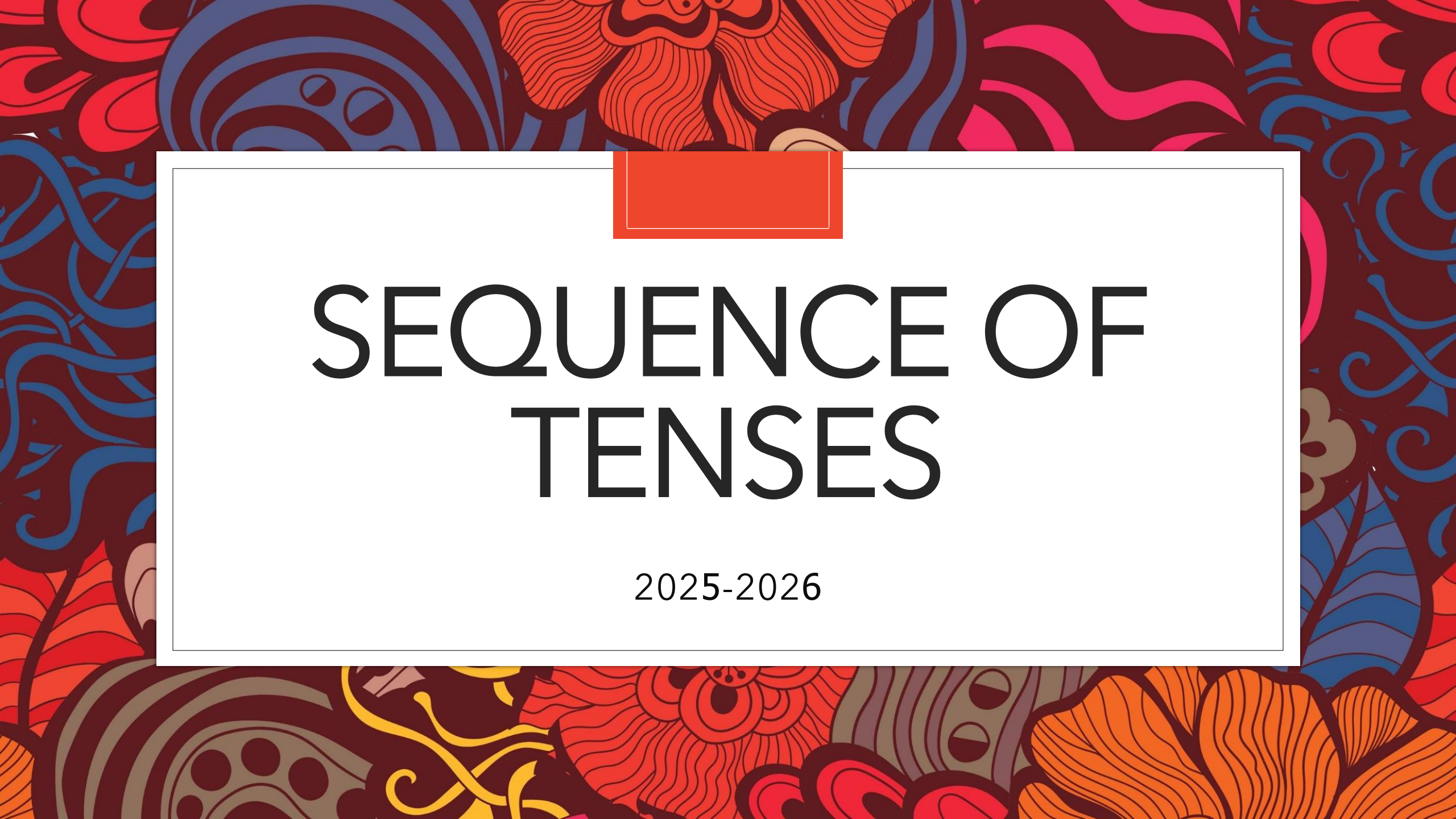
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- In sentences that contain independent and dependent clauses, it is important to be careful of the choice of tense in each clause. Two or more actions must be put into the correct relationship with each other. **Remember** that meaning also plays an important part in the decision how to combine various tenses .

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- The simple present tense in the independent clause can be followed by any tense in the dependent clause.

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I feel calm although **I'm waiting** for the dentist.

I feel calm whenever **I go** to the dentist.

I feel calm because **I had** a good night's sleep.

I feel calm even though **I was shaking** earlier.

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- When the verb in the independent clause is in a past tense, the verb in the subordinate clause must also be in a past tense.

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- I ate Chinese food every night because I liked it. ·
- I ate Chinese food every night because I was working in a Chinese restaurant.
- At that time, I was eating Chinese food every night because I was working in a Chinese restaurant.