Verb Time Sort

Sort sentences by when the action happens.

2.LF.45.c "Form and use simple present and past verb tenses."

NAME _____ DATE _____

PRESENT

A present-tense verb tells what someone or something does now or often.

Ben fixes toys.

PAST

A past-tense verb tells what someone or something did before now.

Lila dug holes.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle PRESENT or PAST for each sentence, then in Part 2 pick two numbered sentences and explain how each verb helped you decide.

1. The dog barks at the mail truck. PRESENT PAST

2. We eat lunch at noon. PRESENT PAST

3. Yesterday, Mia washed her bike. PRESENT PAST

4. A bird sings each morning. PRESENT PAST

5. Last night, Dad made soup. PRESENT PAST

6. I carry my bag to school. PRESENT PAST

7. Nina brushes her teeth each day. PRESENT PAST

8. On Monday, the team won the game. PRESENT PAST

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new present-tense sentence and one new past-tense sentence.

PRESENT _____

PAST _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences about the same action. Tell what happens often, then what happened yesterday. Underline the verb in each sentence.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The dog barks at the mail truck.	**PRESENT**	Barks is a present-tense verb.
2	We eat lunch at noon.	**PRESENT**	Eat is a present-tense verb.
3	Yesterday, Mia washed her bike.	**PAST**	Washed is a past-tense verb.
4	A bird sings each morning.	**PRESENT**	Sings is a present-tense verb.
5	Last night, Dad made soup.	**PAST**	Made is a past-tense verb.
6	I carry my bag to school.	**PRESENT**	Carry is a present-tense verb.
7	Nina brushes her teeth each day.	**PRESENT**	Brushes is a present-tense verb.
8	On Monday, the team won the game.	**PAST**	Won is a past-tense verb.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **PRESENT**: My sister folds towels.
- **PAST**: My sister folded towels.

Challenge: Sam feeds the fish each morning. Yesterday, Sam fed the fish.

For Part 2, accept explanations that name the verb and tell when the action happens. For example, item 1 uses barks for what the dog does, while item 3 uses washed for what Mia already did.