

Time Travel Verbs

Sort verbs by when the action happens.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.3.1e "Form and use the simple (e.g., I walked; I walk; I will walk) verb tenses."

NAME _____

DATE _____

PRESENT TIME

Use present tense for an action happening now or that happens regularly.

I read before bed.

PAST TIME

Use past tense for an action that already happened.

We planted seeds yesterday.

1 SORT

8 items

Read each sentence, circle PRESENT or PAST, then pick two items and explain which verb tells you when each action happens.

1. The birds sing at dawn.

PRESENT

PAST

2. Mia draws a map.

PRESENT

PAST

3. We visited the museum.

PRESENT

PAST

4. Dad packs my lunch.

PRESENT

PAST

5. The puppy slept on the rug.

PRESENT

PAST

6. I found my lost glove.

PRESENT

PAST

7. Our class learns about frogs.

PRESENT

PAST

8. The rain stopped at noon.

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 sentence and one new PAST sentence.

PRESENT _____

PAST _____

CHALLENGE

Change this sentence to past tense: The dog chases the ball.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The birds sing at dawn.	PRESENT	Sing is present tense.
2	Mia draws a map.	PRESENT	Draws is present tense.
3	We visited the museum.	PAST	Visited is past tense.
4	Dad packs my lunch.	PRESENT	Packs is present tense.
5	The puppy slept on the rug.	PAST	Slept is past tense.
6	I found my lost glove.	PAST	Found is past tense.
7	Our class learns about frogs.	PRESENT	Learns is present tense.
8	The rain stopped at noon.	PAST	Stopped is past tense.

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 brother rides his bike.
- **PAST:** My brother rode his bike yesterday.

Challenge: The dog chased the ball.

For Part 2, accept explanations that name the verb and correctly tell whether the action happens now or already happened. Student-made sentences may vary if the verb tense matches the labeled category.