

Verb Time Detectives

Track when actions happen.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.5.1 "Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking."

NAME _____

DATE _____

SAME TIME

The verbs stay in the same time when the actions happen at the same time.

On Friday, the astronaut checked the controls and waved to Earth.

TIME SHIFT

One verb changes time even though the sentence does not show a new time.

Each day, the gardener waters the roses and pulled weeds.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For Part 1, circle CONSISTENT or SHIFTED for each sentence; for Part 2, choose two item numbers and explain how their verbs show a consistent time or a shifted time.

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| 1. Yesterday, Lila packed her lunch and walked to school. | ☐ CONSISTENT | ☐ SHIFTED |
| 2. Each morning, the bells ring and students hurry inside. | ☐ CONSISTENT | ☐ SHIFTED |
| 3. Last Saturday, we painted the fence and wash the brushes. | ☐ CONSISTENT | ☐ SHIFTED |
| 4. My uncle will grill corn and serve lemonade tonight. | ☐ CONSISTENT | ☐ SHIFTED |
| 5. During the game, Mateo catches the ball and threw it to Ava. | ☐ CONSISTENT | ☐ SHIFTED |
| 6. Tomorrow, I will visit the museum and learned about fossils. | ☐ CONSISTENT | ☐ SHIFTED |
| 7. The puppies chased leaves and barked at birds. | ☐ CONSISTENT | ☐ SHIFTED |
| 8. The actors bowed and thanked the audience. | ☐ CONSISTENT | ☐ SHIFTED |

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

For Part 3, write one new CONSISTENT sentence and one new SHIFTED sentence.

CONSISTENT _____

SHIFTED _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences about two different times. Use a time word in each sentence and verbs that match each time.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Yesterday, Lila packed her lunch and walked to school.	CONSISTENT	Both verbs are in the past tense.
2	Each morning, the bells ring and students hurry inside.	CONSISTENT	Both verbs are in the present tense.
3	Last Saturday, we painted the fence and wash the brushes.	SHIFTED	Painted is past tense, but wash is present tense.
4	My uncle will grill corn and serve lemonade tonight.	CONSISTENT	Both actions are in the future.
5	During the game, Mateo catches the ball and threw it to Ava.	SHIFTED	Catches is present tense, but threw is past tense.
6	Tomorrow, I will visit the museum and learned about fossils.	SHIFTED	Will visit is future tense, but learned is past tense.
7	The puppies chased leaves and barked at birds.	CONSISTENT	Both verbs are in the past tense.
8	The actors bowed and thanked the audience.	CONSISTENT	Both verbs are in the 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)

- **CONSISTENT:** Last month, the choir practiced after school and performed at the festival.
- **SHIFTED:** Every day, I pack my bag and rode my bike to school.

Challenge: Yesterday, I finished my poster. Tomorrow, I will share it with the class.

Items 1, 2, 4, 7, and 8 are CONSISTENT. Items 3, 5, and 6 are SHIFTED because one verb does not match the time shown by the other verb or time word.