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.

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.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 5 · L.5.1

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.

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