

Word Time Clues

Students notice how base words change to show time.

ELA.1.V.1.2 "Identify and use frequently occurring base words and their common inflections in grade-level content."

NAME _____

DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 CIRCLE IT _____

a	jump	jumped	jumping
b	play	played	playing
c	looks	look	looked

2 MATCH WORDS _____

walk	•	•	washed
help	•	•	walked
wash	•	•	helped

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each word aloud and have students point to it as they listen. Explain that a base word can change to show something happening now or something that happened before, such as paint and painted. Students listen for the word form that matches the time clue.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • CIRCLE IT

SAY “I will read the words in each row. Listen to the question, then circle one word.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Which word tells about something that happened yesterday? I will read the words: jump, jumped, jumping. Circle the word that fits.	jumped
b	Which word tells about something happening right now? I will read the words: play, played, playing. Circle the word that fits.	playing
c	Which word tells what one child does each day? I will read the words: looks, look, looked. Circle the word that fits.	looks

PART 2 • MATCH WORDS

SAY “I will read the words on the left and the words on the right. For each word on the left, draw a line to the word on the right that tells it happened before.”

- **walk** matches **walked**
- **help** matches **helped**
- **wash** matches **washed**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle: jumped, playing, looks. Match walk to walked, help to helped, and wash to washed.