

Before Now Words

Students identify irregular verb forms that tell about the past.

1.L.GC.1.20 "Grammar: Form and use the past tense of irregular verbs. (Introduce)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

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

1 CIRCLE IT _____

a	came	comes	coming
b	gives	gave	giving
c	takes	taking	took

2 MATCH WORDS _____

go	•	•	saw
see	•	•	ate
eat	•	•	went

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Tell students that some action words change in a special way when they tell about before now. Say, "Today I fly. Yesterday I flew." Read every choice aloud, then have students mark the word that fits.

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 "Listen to each sentence and the three words in the row. Which word tells what happened before now? Circle the word you hear."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Listen: Today I come. Yesterday I _____. The choices are came, comes, and coming. Which word tells what happened yesterday? Circle it.	came
b	Listen: Today I give. Yesterday I _____. The choices are gives, gave, and giving. Which word tells what happened yesterday? Circle it.	gave
c	Listen: Today I take. Yesterday I _____. The choices are takes, taking, and took. Which word tells what happened yesterday? Circle it.	took

PART 2 • MATCH WORDS

SAY "The words on the left tell about now. The words on the right tell about before now. I will read all the words. Which before-now word matches each now word? Draw a line to match them."

- **go** matches **went**
- **see** matches **saw**
- **eat** matches **ate**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle came, gave, and took in Part 1. In Part 2, match go to went, see to saw, and eat to ate.