Past Tense Detectives

Find verbs that tell about the past the right way.

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

NAME _____ DATE _____

CORRECT PAST

The verb tells about something that already happened. Some past-tense verbs change in a special way instead of ending in -ed.

The bird flew over the fence.

NEEDS A FIX

The sentence tells about the past, but the verb is not the right past-tense word. Change the verb to the special past-tense word.

The bird flied over the fence.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle CORRECT or FIX for each sentence, then choose two items and tell how you knew.

1. Yesterday, Mia ran to the gate. CORRECT FIX
2. We ate tacos at lunch. CORRECT FIX
3. Last night, the cat goed outside. CORRECT FIX
4. Sam wrote a card for his aunt. CORRECT FIX
5. This morning, I bringed my folder. CORRECT FIX
6. The puppy goed to sleep. CORRECT FIX
7. Dad took the bus to work. CORRECT FIX
8. The children drank water after recess. CORRECT FIX

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 sentence for CORRECT and one new sentence for FIX.

CORRECT _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write one correct sentence with two different irregular past-tense verbs.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Yesterday, Mia ran to the gate.	**CORRECT**	Ran is the correct past tense of run.
2	We ate tacos at lunch.	**CORRECT**	Ate is the correct past tense of eat.
3	Last night, the cat goed outside.	**FIX**	Goed is not the correct past tense of go. It should be went.
4	Sam wrote a card for his aunt.	**CORRECT**	Wrote is the correct past tense of write.
5	This morning, I bringed my folder.	**FIX**	Bringed is not the correct past tense of bring. It should be brought.
6	The puppy goed to sleep.	**FIX**	Goed is not the correct past tense of go. It should be went.
7	Dad took the bus to work.	**CORRECT**	Took is the correct past tense of take.
8	The children drank water after recess.	**CORRECT**	Drank is the correct past tense of drink.

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)

- **CORRECT**: Yesterday, the dog bit a stick.
- **FIX**: Yesterday, the dog bited a stick.

Challenge: After school, I went home and fed my fish.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Answers: 1 CORRECT, 2 CORRECT, 3 FIX, 4 CORRECT, 5 FIX, 6 FIX, 7 CORRECT, 8 CORRECT. For the proof, students should name the verb and explain that it is or is not the correct past-tense form.