Past or Now

Choose the ending that fits each verb.

2.L.GC.1.22 "Grammar: Form and use verbs by adding -d or -es. (Introduce, Master)"

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PAST

If a verb ends in e and tells about the past, add -d.

hope → hoped

NOW

For a verb that ends in s, sh, ch, x, z, or o, add -es to tell what one person, animal, or thing does now.

wash → washes

1 SORT

8 items

Circle PAST or NOW for each verb change, then choose two items and tell why each belongs there.

1. glide → glided — PAST NOW
2. pass → passes — PAST NOW
3. go → goes — PAST NOW
4. smile → smiled — PAST NOW
5. race → raced — PAST NOW
6. wave → waved — PAST NOW
7. buzz → buzzes — PAST NOW
8. catch → catches — PAST NOW

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 verb change for PAST and one new verb change for NOW.

PAST _____

NOW _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with a new -d verb and one sentence with a new -es verb. Underline the changed verbs.

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	glide → glided	**PAST**	Glide ends in e, so add d to tell about the past.
2	pass → passes	**NOW**	Pass ends in s, so add es for one person, animal, or thing doing it now.
3	go → goes	**NOW**	Go ends in o, so add es for one person, animal, or thing doing it now.
4	smile → smiled	**PAST**	Smile ends in e, so add d to tell about the past.
5	race → raced	**PAST**	Race ends in e, so add d to tell about the past.
6	wave → waved	**PAST**	Wave ends in e, so add d to tell about the past.
7	buzz → buzzes	**NOW**	Buzz ends in z, so add es for one person, animal, or thing doing it now.
8	catch → catches	**NOW**	Catch ends in ch, so add es for one person, animal, or thing doing it now.

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)

- **PAST**: close → closed
- **NOW**: mix → mixes

Challenge: Challenge: Last night, I _danced_. My dog _pushes_ the ball.

For Part 2, accept explanations that name the verb ending and whether the verb tells about the past or what one person, animal, or thing does now. Part 3 and the challenge may have many correct answers if the verb forms and sentences are correct.