

Past Tense Fix

Sort correct and incorrect irregular past-tense verbs.

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

NAME _____

DATE _____

CORRECT PAST TENSE

This sentence uses the correct special past-tense form of an irregular verb. Many irregular verbs do not add -ed.

Yesterday, Maya wrote a note.

NEEDS A FIX

This sentence uses an incorrect past-tense form of an irregular verb. Change the verb to its special past-tense form.

Yesterday, Maya writed a note.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

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

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| 1. We went to the pond. | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ FIX |
| 2. Dad took pictures. | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ FIX |
| 3. She goed home. | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ FIX |
| 4. The baby slept. | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ FIX |
| 5. I eated an apple. | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ FIX |
| 6. They ranned fast. | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ FIX |
| 7. He broke the stick. | ☐ CORRECT | ☐ FIX |
| 8. The bird flew away. | ☐ 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 sentence with two irregular verbs in the past tense.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	We went to the pond.	CORRECT	Went is the correct past tense of go.
2	Dad took pictures.	CORRECT	Took is the correct past tense of take.
3	She goed home.	FIX	Goed is incorrect. The past tense of go is went.
4	The baby slept.	CORRECT	Slept is the correct past tense of sleep.
5	I eated an apple.	FIX	Eated is incorrect. The past tense of eat is ate.
6	They ranned fast.	FIX	Ranned is incorrect. The past tense of run is ran.
7	He broke the stick.	CORRECT	Broke is the correct past tense of break.
8	The bird flew away.	CORRECT	Flew is the correct past tense of fly.

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:** Last night, I drank milk.
- **FIX:** Last night, I dranked milk.

Challenge: Yesterday, we ate lunch and rode our bikes home.

For Part 2, students may choose any two items and explain that the correct form is a special past-tense verb or that the incorrect form needs to be changed. Accept different original sentences in Part 3 when each sentence matches its category.