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)"

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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.

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.

ANSWER KEY # Past Tense Fix

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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 drinked 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.