

Verb Time Detectives

Match each sentence to the right verb-aspect choice.

6.L.GC.1.43 "Grammar: Form and use the progressive, perfect, and perfect progressive verb aspects. (Master)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

CORRECT VERB ASPECT

The verb aspect is formed correctly and matches the sentence's time clue. Progressive uses be plus a verb ending in -ing, perfect uses have plus a past participle, and perfect progressive uses have been plus a verb ending in -ing.

Quinn is polishing a telescope.

NEEDS A FIX

The verb aspect is not formed correctly or does not match the sentence's time clue. Change the verb words to make the sentence work.

Pia were racing a scooter.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle CORRECT or FIX for each sentence, then choose two items and explain which time clues and verb forms helped you sort them.

1. By Friday, I will have finished my science report.

CORRECT

FIX

2. At 7:00, the puppies were sleeping in their bed.

CORRECT

FIX

3. Since dawn, Maya has been training for the race.

CORRECT

FIX

4. Yesterday at 4:00, Jalen has written a poem.

CORRECT

FIX

5. By June, Leo will have been collect stamps for three years.

CORRECT

FIX

6. By the time we arrived, the movie had started.

CORRECT

FIX

7. Since Monday, I am practicing the trumpet.

CORRECT

FIX

8. At noon tomorrow, the hikers will be crossing the bridge.

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 CORRECT sentence and one new FIX sentence about verb aspect.

CORRECT _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Rewrite one FIX sentence so it becomes CORRECT, then name the verb aspect you used.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	By Friday, I will have finished my science report.	CORRECT	Future perfect correctly shows completion before Friday.
2	At 7:00, the puppies were sleeping in their bed.	CORRECT	Past progressive correctly shows an action in progress at 7:00.
3	Since dawn, Maya has been training for the race.	CORRECT	Present perfect progressive correctly shows an action that began in the past and continues.
4	Yesterday at 4:00, Jalen has written a poem.	FIX	Present perfect does not fit the completed past time clue yesterday at 4:00.
5	By June, Leo will have been collect stamps for three years.	FIX	Future perfect progressive needs collecting, not collect.
6	By the time we arrived, the movie had started.	CORRECT	Past perfect correctly shows that the movie started before we arrived.
7	Since Monday, I am practicing the trumpet.	FIX	Since Monday calls for present perfect progressive, such as have been practicing.
8	At noon tomorrow, the hikers will be crossing the bridge.	CORRECT	Future progressive correctly shows an action that will be in progress at noon tomorrow.

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:** The astronauts have been studying the crater.
- **FIX:** The squirrels have been gather nuts.

Challenge: Yesterday at 4:00, Jalen was writing a poem. Progressive.

For Part 2, students should point to both a time clue and the verb form in each chosen item. Accept different valid revisions for the challenge if the revised sentence uses an appropriate verb aspect.