# 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 | NEEDS A FIX |
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| 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.<br>Quinn is polishing a telescope. | 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.<br>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** _____

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## 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.

**ANSWER KEY**

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**GRADE 6 · 6.L.GC.1.43**

## 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.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. 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.