Past Tense Sort

Which sentences are ready to use?

2.W.7.b.I "Using sentences that use the past tense of frequently occurring irregular verbs."

NAME _____ DATE _____

READY	NEEDS A FIX
The sentence uses the correct past-tense form of an action word. Some action words change in a special way when they tell about the past. On Monday, a fox ate a plum.	The action word has the wrong past-tense form. It needs a change before the sentence is ready. At dawn, a kitten runned home.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle READY or FIX for each sentence, then pick two numbered sentences and explain how you knew where each belongs.

1. I saw a tiny bird yesterday. READY FIX

2. Tara went to the library. READY FIX

3. Dad gived me a blue cap. READY FIX

4. We had soup for lunch. READY FIX

5. Nina took her kite outside. READY FIX

6. Leo seed a frog by the pond. READY FIX

7. Mom made a paper boat. READY FIX

8. The boys finded a shell. READY 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 READY sentence and one new FIX sentence. Use action words that are not in the eight sentences above.

READY _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence with a past-tense action word that needs a fix, then write the sentence again with the correct word.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	I saw a tiny bird yesterday.	**READY**	Saw is the correct past tense of see.
2	Tara went to the library.	**READY**	Went is the correct past tense of go.
3	Dad gived me a blue cap.	**FIX**	Gived should be gave.
4	We had soup for lunch.	**READY**	Had is the correct past tense of have.
5	Nina took her kite outside.	**READY**	Took is the correct past tense of take.
6	Leo seed a frog by the pond.	**FIX**	Seed should be saw.
7	Mom made a paper boat.	**READY**	Made is the correct past tense of make.
8	The boys finded a shell.	**FIX**	Finded should be found.

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)

- **READY**: The dog dug a hole.
- **FIX**: The baby sleeped on the rug.

Challenge: We swimmed in the lake. We swam in the lake.

For Part 2, students should name the action word and explain its past-tense form. For example, item 3 needs a fix because gived should be gave.