Past Tense Detectives

Find the past-tense words that need fixing.

L.2.1.d "past tense of frequently occurring irregular verbs."

NAME _____ DATE _____

RIGHT

Some verbs change in a special way to tell about the past. This sentence uses the right past-tense word.

On Monday, a bird flew over my yard.

FIX IT

This sentence adds -ed to a verb that needs a special past-tense form. The verb needs fixing.

On Monday, a bird flyed over my yard.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle RIGHT or FIX for each sentence, then choose two numbered sentences and explain how you knew.

1. Yesterday, I went to the pond. RIGHT FIX
2. Last night, Dad made soup. RIGHT FIX
3. Yesterday, we eated lunch. RIGHT FIX
4. Yesterday, she saw a frog. RIGHT FIX
5. Last week, I taked a book home. RIGHT FIX
6. Yesterday, Ben runned to the gate. RIGHT FIX
7. This morning, I gave Mom a card. RIGHT FIX
8. Yesterday, they comed to our house. RIGHT 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 with a RIGHT past-tense word and one new sentence with a past-tense word that needs a FIX.

RIGHT _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one FIX sentence from Part 1, rewrite it correctly, and name the word you changed.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Yesterday, I went to the pond.	**RIGHT**	Went is the correct past tense of go.
2	Last night, Dad made soup.	**RIGHT**	Made is the correct past tense of make.
3	Yesterday, we eated lunch.	**FIX**	The past tense of eat is ate, not eated.
4	Yesterday, she saw a frog.	**RIGHT**	Saw is the correct past tense of see.
5	Last week, I taked a book home.	**FIX**	The past tense of take is took, not taked.
6	Yesterday, Ben runned to the gate.	**FIX**	The past tense of run is ran, not runned.
7	This morning, I gave Mom a card.	**RIGHT**	Gave is the correct past tense of give.
8	Yesterday, they comed to our house.	**FIX**	The past tense of come is came, not comed.

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)

- **RIGHT**: Last Saturday, I bought a hat.
- **FIX**: Last Saturday, I buyed a hat.

Challenge: Yesterday, we ate lunch. I changed eated to ate.

For Part 2, accept explanations that name the correct special past-tense form or identify an incorrect -ed form. For Part 3, accept new sentences that clearly tell about the past and fit their categories.