Time Clue Sort

Sort sentences by their perfect verb tense.

L.5.1.b "Use the perfect verb tenses."

NAME _____ DATE _____

PRESENT PERFECT

Present perfect uses has or have with a past participle. It connects an earlier action to now.

The gardener has planted tulips.

PAST PERFECT

Past perfect uses had with a past participle. It shows that one action happened before another past event.

After a pilot had landed, ground crews waved.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle PRESENT or PAST for each sentence, then in Part 2 choose one item from each category and explain how you knew.

1.	Nia has saved three tickets.	PRESENT	PAST
2.	We have cleaned the science lab.	PRESENT	PAST
3.	Before the storm began, Eli had shut the windows.	PRESENT	PAST
4.	The dog has hidden its bone.	PRESENT	PAST
5.	By the time the bell rang, Rosa had packed her bag.	PRESENT	PAST
6.	The bus had left before we reached the stop.	PRESENT	PAST
7.	Our class has read that novel.	PRESENT	PAST
8.	The players have practiced all week.	PRESENT	PAST

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 sentence in PRESENT perfect and one new sentence in PAST perfect.

PRESENT _____

PAST _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one PRESENT item, rewrite it in PAST perfect, and add a later past event to show the order.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Nia has saved three tickets.	**PRESENT**	Has saved is present perfect.
2	We have cleaned the science lab.	**PRESENT**	Have cleaned is present perfect.
3	Before the storm began, Eli had shut the windows.	**PAST**	Had shut happened before the storm began.
4	The dog has hidden its bone.	**PRESENT**	Has hidden is present perfect.
5	By the time the bell rang, Rosa had packed her bag.	**PAST**	Had packed happened before the bell rang.
6	The bus had left before we reached the stop.	**PAST**	Had left happened before we reached the stop.
7	Our class has read that novel.	**PRESENT**	Has read is present perfect.
8	The players have practiced all week.	**PRESENT**	Have practiced is present perfect.

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)

- **PRESENT**: I have borrowed a telescope.
- **PAST**: Sam had baked the muffins before the guests arrived.

Challenge: Nia had saved three tickets before the show sold out.

For Part 2, look for an explanation that names has or have with a past participle for PRESENT, and had with a past participle for PAST. In the challenge, the added event must happen after the past-perfect action.