Ending Time Sort

Use endings and sentence clues to tell when an action happens.

2.RV.1.C "Determine the meaning of an unknown word using frequently occurring root words and inflectional affixes (e.g. -s, -ing, - ed)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

HAPPENING NOW

Here, is/are + -ing means ongoing now. Time clues matter: were jumping yesterday is past.

is pecking now

HAPPENED BEFORE

Here, simple-past -ed verbs mean before now. The root names the action; check sentence time clues.

pecked yesterday

1 SORT

8 items

Circle NOW or BEFORE using the whole sentence. For two items, explain the root action, ending and helping verb or past-time clue that helped you decide.

1. The kids are jumping. NOW BEFORE
2. The cat is licking milk. NOW BEFORE
3. We washed the car. NOW BEFORE
4. Mia is painting a star. NOW BEFORE
5. The frog hopped away. NOW BEFORE
6. Dad cleaned the sink. NOW BEFORE
7. The baby is crying. NOW BEFORE
8. I kicked the ball. NOW BEFORE

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 NOW phrase with is or are plus an -ing action word, and one BEFORE phrase with an -ed action word and a past-time clue.

NOW _____

BEFORE _____

CHALLENGE

Use one root word to write two sentences, one with -ing and one with -ed, and show when each action happens.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The kids are jumping.	**NOW**	are jumping uses a present helping verb plus -ing to show the action ongoing now in this sentence.
2	The cat is licking milk.	**NOW**	is licking uses a present helping verb plus -ing to show the action ongoing now in this sentence.
3	We washed the car.	**BEFORE**	washed is a simple-past verb in this sentence; the -ed form describes a completed action before now.
4	Mia is painting a star.	**NOW**	is painting uses a present helping verb plus -ing to show the action ongoing now in this sentence.
5	The frog hopped away.	**BEFORE**	hopped is a simple-past verb in this sentence; the -ed form describes a completed action before now.
6	Dad cleaned the sink.	**BEFORE**	cleaned is a simple-past verb in this sentence; the -ed form describes a completed action before now.
7	The baby is crying.	**NOW**	is crying uses a present helping verb plus -ing to show the action ongoing now in this sentence.
8	I kicked the ball.	**BEFORE**	kicked is a simple-past verb in this sentence; the -ed form describes a completed action before now.

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)

- **NOW**: is reading now
- **BEFORE**: played yesterday

Challenge: The boy is folding a map. The boy folded a map yesterday.

Keep classifications NOW,NOW,BEFORE,NOW,BEFORE,BEFORE,NOW,BEFORE. Part 2 explanations must use the full sentence, not claim -ing alone means now: -ing shows ongoing action; helping verbs/time context locate it. For these examples, present is/are plus -ing indicates now, and the simple-past -ed verbs indicate before. Were jumping yesterday remains past despite -ing. Accept accurate own phrases and the folding/folded yesterday challenge with root/action meanings and time clues.