

Time Clue Detectives

Check whether the verb matches the time clue.

2.11.D.ii “past, present, and future verb tense;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

TIME MATCHES

A time clue tells when something happens.

The verb shows the same time.

At noon, a drummer taps loudly.

FIX THE TENSE

The time clue and verb show different times.

Change the verb so they agree.

In ten years, Zara baked cookies.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Read each sentence and circle MATCH if its verb fits the time clue or FIX if it does not.

1. Yesterday, I washed my bike.

MATCH

FIX

2. Last night, Dad cooks soup.

MATCH

FIX

3. Next month, we planted seeds.

MATCH

FIX

4. Now, the baby sleeps.

MATCH

FIX

5. Tomorrow, I will pack my bag.

MATCH

FIX

6. Soon, the birds will build a nest.

MATCH

FIX

7. Right now, Max jumped rope.

MATCH

FIX

8. Last winter, snow covered the ground.

MATCH

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

Part 2: Pick two numbered sentences, one MATCH and one FIX, and explain which time clue and verb helped you decide.
Part 3: Write one new MATCH sentence and one new FIX sentence.

MATCH _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Rewrite this sentence so the time clue and verb match: Next week, Maya painted a picture.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Yesterday, I washed my bike.	MATCH	"Yesterday" and "washed" both show past time.
2	Last night, Dad cooks soup.	FIX	"Last night" is past, but "cooks" is present.
3	Next month, we planted seeds.	FIX	"Next month" is future, but "planted" is past.
4	Now, the baby sleeps.	MATCH	"Now" and "sleeps" both show present time.
5	Tomorrow, I will pack my bag.	MATCH	"Tomorrow" and "will pack" both show future time.
6	Soon, the birds will build a nest.	MATCH	"Soon" and "will build" both show future time.
7	Right now, Max jumped rope.	FIX	"Right now" is present, but "jumped" is past.
8	Last winter, snow covered the ground.	MATCH	"Last winter" and "covered" both show past time.

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)

- **MATCH:** Next Friday, Kim will visit her aunt.
- **FIX:** Yesterday, Kim will visit her aunt.

Challenge: Next week, Maya will paint a picture.

For Part 2, students should name the time clue and tell whether the verb shows past, present, or future. Accept varied Part 3 sentences when the time clue and verb agree or disagree as labeled.