Past Verb Detectives

Find sentences with the right past-tense verb.

2.LU.1.E "Use proper verb tense, including for frequently occurring irregular verbs (e.g., ran, told, went)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

CORRECT PAST TENSE

This sentence uses the right past-tense form of an irregular verb. It tells about something that already happened.

Yesterday, Noah drank water.

FIX THE VERB

This sentence has an irregular verb form that is not right for the past. Change the verb to its special past-tense form.

Yesterday, Noah drinked water.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle the tag for each sentence, then choose two sentences and explain why each one belongs in its category.

1. Last Saturday, Mia went to the park. CORRECT FIX
2. Dad taked the bus to work. CORRECT FIX
3. The puppy runned across the yard. CORRECT FIX
4. I saw a rainbow after school. CORRECT FIX
5. We ate apples at lunch. CORRECT FIX
6. My sister gived me a hug. CORRECT FIX
7. The class wrote thank-you notes. CORRECT FIX
8. The bird flew over the fence. CORRECT 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 for CORRECT and one new sentence for FIX.

CORRECT _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence about yesterday that uses two different correct irregular past-tense verbs.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Last Saturday, Mia went to the park.	**CORRECT**	Went is the correct past-tense form of go.
2	Dad taked the bus to work.	**FIX**	Taked should be took.
3	The puppy runned across the yard.	**FIX**	Runned should be ran.
4	I saw a rainbow after school.	**CORRECT**	Saw is the correct past-tense form of see.
5	We ate apples at lunch.	**CORRECT**	Ate is the correct past-tense form of eat.
6	My sister gived me a hug.	**FIX**	Gived should be gave.
7	The class wrote thank-you notes.	**CORRECT**	Wrote is the correct past-tense form of write.
8	The bird flew over the fence.	**CORRECT**	Flew is the correct past-tense form of fly.

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)

- **CORRECT**: Last night, we drank milk.
- **FIX**: Last night, we drinked milk.

Challenge: Yesterday, I went to the store and bought bread.

For Part 2, students should name the irregular verb and explain that it is correct for the past or needs its special past-tense form. Accept varied Part 3 responses when the tense and irregular verb form match the chosen category.