

Ending Time Sort

Use word endings 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

Words ending in -ing tell about an action happening now. The root word tells the action.

pecking

HAPPENED BEFORE

Words ending in -ed tell about an action that happened before now. The root word tells the action.

pecked

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle NOW or BEFORE for each item, then choose two items and explain which ending 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 _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Write one new word ending in -ing for NOW and one new word ending in -ed for BEFORE.

NOW _____

BEFORE _____

CHALLENGE

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

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The kids are jumping.	NOW	Jumping ends in -ing, so the action is happening now.
2	The cat is licking milk.	NOW	Licking ends in -ing, so the action is happening now.
3	We washed the car.	BEFORE	Washed ends in -ed, so the action happened before now.
4	Mia is painting a star.	NOW	Painting ends in -ing, so the action is happening now.
5	The frog hopped away.	BEFORE	Hopped ends in -ed, so the action happened before now.
6	Dad cleaned the sink.	BEFORE	Cleaned ends in -ed, so the action happened before now.
7	The baby is crying.	NOW	Crying ends in -ing, so the action is happening now.
8	I kicked the ball.	BEFORE	Kicked ends in -ed, so the action happened 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:** reading
- **BEFORE:** played

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

For Part 2, students should name the word ending and tell whether it means now or before now. Accept different Part 3 words and challenge sentences when the endings and meanings are correct.