Now or Past

Use word endings to tell when actions happen.

2.RV.1 "Vocabulary Development and Word Analysis Discuss meanings of new words or phrases acquired through conversations and literature. Use vocabulary across content areas..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

HAPPENING NOW

In these sentences, an action word ending in -ing tells what is happening now.

The bee is buzzing near a flower.

ALREADY HAPPENED

In these sentences, an action word ending in -ed tells what already happened.

We visited Grandma on Saturday.

1 SORT

8 items

For each sentence, circle NOW or PAST, then pick two sentences and explain which ending helped you sort each one.

1. 1. The baby is napping. NOW PAST

2. 2. Leaves are drifting down. NOW PAST

3. 3. The rabbit hopped away. NOW PAST

4. 4. Dad is mixing soup. NOW PAST

5. 5. The bell chimed. NOW PAST

6. 6. We planted seeds. NOW PAST

7. 7. A frog is resting on a rock. NOW PAST

8. 8. The kids are cheering. NOW 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** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one sentence with an -ing action happening now. Write one sentence with an -ed action that already happened.

NOW _____

PAST _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that uses an -ing word for now and an -ed word for the past.

ANSWER KEY

Now or Past

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	1. The baby is napping.	**NOW**	Napping ends in -ing and is happening now.
2	2. Leaves are drifting down.	**NOW**	Drifting ends in -ing and is happening now.
3	3. The rabbit hopped away.	**PAST**	Hopped ends in -ed and already happened.
4	4. Dad is mixing soup.	**NOW**	Mixing ends in -ing and is happening now.
5	5. The bell chimed.	**PAST**	Chimed ends in -ed and already happened.
6	6. We planted seeds.	**PAST**	Planted ends in -ed and already happened.
7	7. A frog is resting on a rock.	**NOW**	Resting ends in -ing and is happening now.
8	8. The kids are cheering.	**NOW**	Cheering ends in -ing and is happening 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**: The puppy is digging a hole.
- **PAST**: The teacher cleaned the board.

Challenge: The cat is stretching, and the rain stopped.

Answers are NOW for 1, 2, 4, 7, and 8, and PAST for 3, 5, and 6. For Part 2, students should name the -ing or -ed ending and connect it to when the action happens.