

Ending Time Detectives

Use word endings to tell when an action happens.

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

NAME _____

DATE _____

HAPPENING NOW

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

Floating means float is happening now.

HAPPENED BEFORE

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

Smiled means smile happened before.

1 SORT

8 items

For each word, circle NOW or PAST, then choose two words and explain which ending helped you decide.

1. climbed

NOW

PAST

2. shouted

NOW

PAST

3. brushed

NOW

PAST

4. gliding

NOW

PAST

5. planted

NOW

PAST

6. skipped

NOW

PAST

7. buzzing

NOW

PAST

8. sliding

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 new word for NOW and one new word for PAST.

NOW _____

PAST _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with a NOW word and a PAST word, then explain what each ending tells you.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	climbed	PAST	Climb + -ed tells that the action happened before now.
2	shouted	PAST	Shout + -ed tells that the action happened before now.
3	brushed	PAST	Brush + -ed tells that the action happened before now.
4	gliding	NOW	Glide + -ing tells that the action is happening now.
5	planted	PAST	Plant + -ed tells that the action happened before now.
6	skipped	PAST	Skip + -ed tells that the action happened before now.
7	buzzing	NOW	Buzz + -ing tells that the action is happening now.
8	sliding	NOW	Slide + -ing tells that the action 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:** reading
- **PAST:** jumped

Challenge: I baked bread yesterday, and today my brother is drawing a card. The ending -ed shows baked happened before, and -ing shows drawing is happening now.

For Part 2, accept explanations that name -ed or -ing and correctly connect the ending to when the action happens. Accept other accurate student-created words that fit each category.