

LEVEL 2 - VERB TENSE CONSISTENCY

Directions: **Categorize** the italicized verb in the given sentences.

- past 1. They *lived* in Vietnam for ten years before moving to the United States.
- future 2. We *will have finished* our work by the time you arrive this afternoon.
- past 3. Chester told me that he *has lived* in the same house all his life.
- future 4. We *will see* the Eiffel Tower when we go to Paris next summer.
- past 5. The Olsons *had built* a new home before selling their old one last year.
- past 6. Trisha *entered* her lamb in the county livestock show last spring.
- present 7. Dad *loves* growing tomatoes in our back yard every summer.
- past 8. We *have researched* our facts for the next debate.
- future 9. Daryl *will have gone* to the concert by then.
- past 10. The guide *had given* us good information on places to visit.

Directions: **Read** the paragraph below. **Edit** the paragraph to ensure verb tense consistency across sentences.

By the time Saturday came, I ^{was} am ready to go. [2] Jeff's parents ^{drove} drive us there, and we parked as close to the front entrance as we ^{could} can. [3] After making arrangements to meet them in two hours at the bumper cars, we ^{walked} walk down the midway. [4] There were all kinds of rides, and we ^{decided} decide which ones we wanted to try. [5] We found a ticket booth, and we each ^{bought} buy twelve tickets. [6] For the first ride, we ^{took} take it easy and just went on the Ferris wheel. [7] It's fun to see all the lights when we were stopped at the top of the wheel. [8] After that, we went on a couple of wild rides that are scary but fun. [9] All that excitement ^{made} makes us thirsty, so we ^{found} find a refreshment stand and ordered two lemonades. [10] Before we ^{knew} know it, it was ten o'clock and time to meet Jeff's parents.

LEVEL 4 - VERB TENSE CONSISTENCY

Directions: Read the given passage. In the spaces provided, take the given verb (in brackets) and use the appropriate tense. At the bottom, identify what tenses you used and WHY.

In Banjul, the capital of Gambia, I met with a group of Gambians. They told (1) [tell] me how for centuries the history of Africa has been preserved. In the older villages of the back country, there are old men called griots, who were (2) [be] in effect living archives. Such men memorized (3) [memorize] and, on special occasions, recited (4) [recite] the cumulative histories of clans or families or villages as those histories had (5) [have] long been told. Since my forefather had (6) [have] said his name was Kin-tay (properly spelled Kinte), and since the Kinte clan was (7) [be] known in Gambia, the group of Gambians would see what they could do to help me. I was back in New York when a registered letter arrived (7) [arrive] from Gambia. Words had (8) [have] been passed in the back country, and a griot of the Kinte clan had (9) [have], indeed, been found. His name, the letter said, was (10) [be] Kebba Kanga Fofana. I returned (11) [return] to Gambia and organized (12) [organize] a safari to locate him.

- 1.) They are all in Past tense as this is a
- 2.) story that has already occurred being talked about.
- 3.) Past tense
- 4.) Past tense
- 5.) Past tense
- 6.) Past tense
- 7.) Past tense
- 8.) Past tense
- 9.) Past tense
- 10.) Past tense
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- 12.) Past tense