Verb tense and clear timelines

Build a Supply Team Timeline

Name _____ Date _____

Quick review Identify the time of each event. Keep the tense consistent when events share a time, but change tense when the timeline actually changes.

Example Yesterday we carried the boxes. Today we carry the books. The change from carried to carry is correct because the time changes.

Use the schedule to write sentences about a completed job, a regular habit, and future plans. Keep the requested verbs and times clear. Other grammatical sentences that meet those requirements are valid.

Art Supply Week

[1] Today is Thursday. On Tuesday, the supply team counted 18 paintbrushes and packed boxes. Every school day, team members check the shelf and record what is missing. On Friday, they plan to carry boxes to a cart, load them, and deliver them to the art room.

1. Write a sentence beginning On Tuesday using the past form of pack to describe the finished job.

2. Write a sentence beginning Every school day with team members as the subject and record as the verb.

3. Write a sentence beginning On Friday using will and carry for the planned cart job.

4. Combine the future loading and delivery jobs in one sentence beginning On Friday. Use will load and will deliver.

5. Explain why counted, check, and will deliver can all be correct in this account instead of changing them to one tense.

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Responses and feedback: Build a Supply Team Timeline

These are sample responses and reasoning. Accept other answers that fit the task and are supported by the text or language rule.

1. On Tuesday, the supply team packed boxes.

Reasoning: First, place Tuesday before today, Thursday. Next, use packed, the past form of pack, because the job is finished. Other sentences naming that past packing job also work.

2. Every school day, team members record what is missing.

Reasoning: First, recognize every school day as a regular habit. Next, use simple present record with the plural subject team members. Records would not agree with that plural subject.

3. On Friday, team members will carry boxes to the cart.

Reasoning: First, place Friday after today, Thursday. Next, use will carry to mark the future plan. Carried would wrongly place the planned job in completed past time.

4. On Friday, team members will load the boxes and will deliver them to the art room.

Reasoning: First, identify both jobs as Friday plans. Next, join the actions with and while keeping will before both requested base verbs. Both actions now stay on the same future timeline.

5. Counted describes a finished Tuesday job, check describes a daily habit, and will deliver describes Friday's future plan.

Reasoning: First, pair each verb with its time clue. Next, compare the finished event, repeated habit, and future plan. These different meanings require intentional tense changes rather than one tense throughout.