

Identifying Past Tense Verbs

Verbs are a part of speech that show action or events that happen in a story. Verbs that show what a character does can help us learn about their personality or character traits.

Part I. Circle the verb(s) in each sentence.

1. They **jumped** over the fence and **caught** the dog that **ran** away.
2. She **smiled** and **pointed** to the sky.
3. Nana **hummed** as she **knitted**.
4. He **watched** as cars **zipped** by on either side.
5. Dana **looked** both ways before she **crossed** the street.
6. He **ducked** under his nana's umbrella.
7. The bus **creaked** to a stop in front of them.



Part II. Choose from the verb bank to complete the sentences.

VERB BANK	looked	placed	gave	stopped	laughed	climbed
	wondered	pulled	reached	thought		

1. He **pulled** a coin from behind CJ's ear and **placed** it in his palm.
2. Nana **laughed** her deep laugh and pushed CJ along.
3. A man **climbed** aboard with a spotted dog.
4. CJ **gave** up his seat.
5. CJ **looked** around as he **stopped** to tie his shoe.
6. He **reached** for his Nana's hand.
7. He **wondered** how his nana always found beauty where he never even **thought** to look.