Name _____ Date _____

Verb Tenses for Time and Order

Which happened first? Circle it.

When we got there, the spider had crawled on the log.	got there had crawled
The elephant had splashed in the river before it walked in the grass.	walked had splashed
After the penguin had slid on the ice, it waddled on the snow.	had slid waddled
The rabbit had hopped in the field before it dug in the dirt.	had hopped dug
When we got there, the worm had wiggled in the dirt.	got there had wiggled
After the toad had hopped in the mud, it sat on the rock.	had hopped sat

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Name _____ Date _____

Verb Tenses for Time and Order

Circle the verb that fits the time words.

So far this week, the turtle _____ in the pond.

will have swum had swum has swum

At sunset yesterday,
the goat _____ on the rock.

was jumping is jumping will be jumping

Most days, the gorillas _____ in the grass.

will sit sit sat

At this moment, the koala _____ in the tree.

will be sleeping was sleeping is sleeping

Before the storm came,
the frog _____ on the rock.

will have hopped had hopped has hopped

Tomorrow, the horses _____ in the barn.

will sleep slept sleep

By noon tomorrow, the kangaroos
_____ in the grass.

will have hopped had hopped have hopped

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Name _____ Date _____

Verb Tenses for Time and Order

Circle the verb that fits: if this happens, then that will happen.

If we sit still, we _____ the whale sing in the sea.

saw had seen will see

If we _____ still,
we will see the skunk sniff in the grass.

sit sat will sit

If we _____ closely,
we will see the monkey sit in the tree.

looked will look look

If we are quiet, we _____ the hen peck in the grass.

will see saw had seen

If we are quiet, we _____ the owl sit in the tree.

will see saw had seen

If we _____ closely,
we will see the cat climb up the tree.

looked look will look

If we look closely, we _____
the dolphin jump in the sea.

saw will see had seen

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Name _____ Date _____

Verb Tenses for Time and Order

Which happened first? Circle it.

After the bear had slept in the cave, it climbed up the tree.	had slept climbed
After the crab had walked on the sand, it hid under the rock.	hid had walked
The lion had run in the grass before it napped in the sun.	had run napped
The chick had pecked in the grass before it hopped in the yard.	hopped had pecked
When we got there, the snake had slithered in the grass.	had slithered got there
When we got there, the ant had crawled on the log.	got there had crawled

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Name _____ Date _____

Verb Tenses for Time and Order

Circle the verb that fits the time words.

At sunset yesterday, the fox _____ in the snow.

was digging will be digging is digging

At noon tomorrow, the snail _____ on the rock.

is crawling will be crawling was crawling

So far today, the pigs _____ in the mud.

will have rolled had rolled have rolled

Later today, the hippo _____ in the mud.

naps will nap napped

Before the storm came,
the iguanas _____ up the tree.

had climbed have climbed will have climbed

Two days ago, the geese _____ in the lake.

swim will swim swam

By noon tomorrow, the butterfly
_____ over the field.

will have flown had flown has flown

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ANSWER KEY

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Verb Tenses for Time and Order

Circle the verb that fits the time words.

So far this week, the turtle ___has swum___ in the pond.

will have swum had swum **has swum**

At sunset yesterday,
the goat ___was jumping___ on the rock.

was jumping is jumping will be jumping

Most days, the gorillas ___sit___ in the grass.

will sit **sit** sat

At this moment, the koala ___is sleeping___ in the tree.

will be sleeping was sleeping **is sleeping**

Before the storm came,
the frog ___had hopped___ on the rock.

will have hopped **had hopped** has hopped

Tomorrow, the horses ___will sleep___ in the barn.

will sleep slept sleep

By noon tomorrow, the kangaroos
___will have hopped___ in the grass.

will have hopped had hopped have hopped

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saw had seen **(will see)**

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(sit) sat will sit

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we will see the monkey sit in the tree.

looked will look **(look)**

If we are quiet, we will see the hen peck in the grass.

(will see) saw had seen

If we are quiet, we will see the owl sit in the tree.

(will see) saw had seen

If we look closely,
we will see the cat climb up the tree.

looked **(look)** will look

If we look closely, we will see
the dolphin jump in the sea.

saw **(will see)** had seen

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Which happened first? Circle it.

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had slept / climbed

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hid / **had walked**

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had run / napped

The chick had pecked in the grass before it hopped in the yard.

hopped / **had pecked**

When we got there, the snake had slithered in the grass.

had slithered / got there

When we got there, the ant had crawled on the log.

got there / **had crawled**

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is crawling (will be crawling) was crawling

So far today, the pigs have rolled in the mud.

will have rolled had rolled (have rolled)

Later today, the hippo will nap in the mud.

naps (will nap) napped

Before the storm came,
the iguanas had climbed up the tree.

(had climbed) have climbed will have climbed

Two days ago, the geese swam in the lake.

swim will swim (swam)

By noon tomorrow, the butterfly
will have flown over the field.

(will have flown) had flown has flown

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