

Resource 1 – Three Categories of Time

Name: _____

When we think about time, people usually divide time into three categories: past, present, and future.

- The PAST refers to things that already happened, sometimes they happened long ago, sometimes they happened only 15 minutes ago. If you ate breakfast before coming to school today, that happened in the past.
- The PRESENT refers to what is happening right now. If you are reading this right now, you are doing it in the present.
- The FUTURE refers to what is going to happen. Anything that has not happened yet, anything that will happen. If you plan to go see a movie this weekend, that is something that will or may happen.

Let’s see if you understand the three categories of time and if you can place some events accurately into the three categories of time. Read each of the numbered sentences below then put the number of each sentence in its correct category.

1. Luiz is eating his lunch.
2. Barack Obama used to be our President.
3. Erin will be in grade 5 next year.
4. Shayan is outside playing basketball.
5. Isabella was born 9 years ago.
6. Ryan is going to be an airplane pilot someday.
7. Garrett Morgan invented the traffic light in 1923.
8. Your teacher is wondering if anyone needs help right now.
9. Ellen Ochoa became the first Hispanic woman to go into space in 1993.
10. Next year will be the year of the tiger on the Chinese calendar.

Past	Present	Future