

Identifying Verb Tenses Answer Key:

1. A calendar is (*present tense*) a system for dividing the year into useful periods of time.
2. The Latin calendar, which originated in the eighth century B.C., consisted (*past tense*) of ten months, or 304 days.
3. Caesar restored (*past tense*) the calendar to its former correspondence to the seasons when he extended (*past tense*) the year 46 B.C. to last for 445 days.
4. He also established (*past tense*) a series of three 365-day common years plus one 366-day leap year.
5. The year 46 B.C. will forever be known (*future tense*) as “the last year of confusion.”
6. Despite Caesar’s efforts, however, the calendar deviated (*past tense*) from the seasons.
7. In 1582, Pope Gregory XII made (*past tense*) two additional adjustments; after that, the calendar underwent (*past tense*) no further changes.
8. Several European and Catholic countries adopted (*past tense*) the Gregorian calendar between 1582 and 1586, and most other countries, including the United States and Russia, later adopted (*past tense*) it as well.
9. Calendars have (*present tense*) two overall functions: they establish (*present tense*) the dates of natural, historical, and religious events, and they measure (*present tense*) equal time intervals for business and scientific purposes.
10. We use (*present tense*) calendars every day.