

Identifying Verb Tenses

Underline the verbs in the following sentences. Label each verb as present, past, or future.

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