

## Using correct verb tense shifts

### Grade 5 Verbs Worksheet

**Verb tenses** must stay consistent throughout the entire sentence.

Read the story below. Fill in the blank with the correct tense of the given verb.

Alison had always wanted to play basketball on the high school team ever since she **was** (*to be*) a little girl. She \_\_\_\_\_ (*practice*) for years to prepare for her chance to join the team. Finally, she \_\_\_\_\_ (*start*) high school, and she \_\_\_\_\_ (*know*) she would have her chance.

At the first practice, she \_\_\_\_\_ (*work*) very hard. The coach \_\_\_\_\_ (*ask*) her how long she had been playing. "I \_\_\_\_\_ (*play*) for almost my whole life. Basketball is my favorite thing in the whole world," Alison \_\_\_\_\_ (*reply*).

Every day, Alison \_\_\_\_\_ (*go*) to the gym. She \_\_\_\_\_ (*lift*) weights, \_\_\_\_\_ (*run*) laps, and \_\_\_\_\_ (*do*) exercises. She \_\_\_\_\_ (*to be*) determined to do her best.

Finally the coach \_\_\_\_\_ (*choose*) the teams. Alison \_\_\_\_\_ (*to be*) anxious to see the list of players. She \_\_\_\_\_ (*walk*) up to the list and found her name. She had made the very best high school team! Her biggest dream \_\_\_\_\_ (*come*) true. She was excited to start her new season.



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### Answers

Alison had always wanted to play basketball on the high school team ever since she **was** (*to be*) a little girl. She **had been practicing** (*practice*) for years to prepare for her chance to join the team. Finally, she **started** (*start*) high school, and she **knew** (*know*) she would have her chance.

At the first practice, she **worked** (*work*) very hard. The coach **had asked** (*ask*) her how long she had been playing. “I **have been playing** (*play*) for almost my whole life. Basketball is my favorite thing in the whole world,” Alison **replied** (*reply*).

Every day, Alison **went** (*go*) to the gym. She **lifted** (*lift*) weights, **ran** (*run*) laps, and **did** (*do*) exercises. She **was** (*to be*) determined to do her best.

Finally the coach **had chosen** (*choose*) the teams. Alison **was** (*to be*) anxious to see the list of players. She **walked** (*walk*) up to the list and found her name. She had made the very best high school team! Her biggest dream **had come** (*come*) true. She was excited to start her new season.