

Verbs Curriculum-Based Readers Theatre Script

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1	Welcome basketball fans!	7-9	W-I-L-L—Will!
2	Tonight's game is	All	W-I-L-L—Will!
All	The Virginia Verbs vs. the Indiana Adjectives! [sound effect]	16	Number 25, Past Tense, used to be a present tense verb.
3	And now—your starting lineup of Verbs!	17	To become past tense, he added –ED to the main verb.
4	Number 23—The Complete Verb!	All	Dribble—present tense. Dribbled—past tense!
All	Complete Verb—includes the helping verb and the main verb!	7-9	Dribble ends in E, so you drop the E and add –ED!
5	What's a helping verb?	All	Dribble ends in E, so you drop the E and add –ED! Past tense—Yay!
6	A helping verb works with the main verb.	18	What about verbs that end in Y?
7-9	Have – has – will –helping verbs! [gesture]	7-9	You change the Y to I and add –ED!
All	Have – has – will –helping verbs! [gesture]	All	Hurry! Hurried! H-U-R-R-I-E-D!
10	Well, okay then—what's a main verb?	19	[whistle] Stop!
All	The main verb shows the action! [gesture]	20	Stop is a verb with a single vowel—O—and a consonant—P. How do we make a verb like "stop" past tense?
11	Dude, I need some basketball main verbs.	7-9	Double the consonant and add –ED! S-T-O-P-P-E-D!
7-9	Dribble! Shoot! Run! and Score! [gesture]	All	Double the consonant and add –ED! S-T-O-P-P-E-D!
All	Dribble! Shoot! Run! and Score! [gesture]	21	And now, let's tell you about number 26—Future Tense!
12	And now—introducing the Tense Triplets!	All	Future tense verbs always have the same first name—Will!
All	[sound effect]	All	Will play! Will score! Will win! Future tense—Yay!
	Number 24—Present Tense! [gesture]	15	And last in our starting line-up is our newest player—
13	I shoot the basketball today!	5	traded from the Nebraska Nouns—
All	Number 25—Past Tense! [gesture]	7-9	Person Place Thing!
14	I shot the basketball yesterday!	2	And now, ladies and gentlemen, it's time for the jump ball!
All	Number 26—Future Tense! [gesture]	All	[sound effect] [gesture] {Freeze in pose.}
15	I will shoot the basketball tomorrow!	3	Two hours later...
10	Oh my gosh, what's present tense?	1	Final score—the Indiana Adjectives 70, the Virginia Verbs 99!
All	A present tense verb shows action that is happening now. [gesture]	All	{unfreeze} [sound effect]
5	Bro—then what's past tense?	4	Join us next week when the Virginia Verbs take on the Colorado Conjunctions. Till then—Good night!
All	A past tense verb shows action that has already happened. [gesture]	All	Go, Verbs! [gesture]
4	Ummmm, then what's future tense?		
All	A future tense verb shows action that is going to happen using the helping verb "will." [gesture]		