

44. The First Popsicle (p. 32)

The Popsicle¹ was invented in 1905 by an 11-year-old named Frank Epperson. The neighborhood **children**² were putting on an outdoor carnival. Frank was in **charge**³ of the soda stand. One night he left a glass of soda pop on his back porch;⁴ then he went to bed. The glass⁵ had a wooden stick in it. It was so cold that night the soda froze. In the morning, Frank used the stick to pull the ice out of the glass. He took a **bite**⁶ of the frozen treat and liked it. Everyone else liked it, too. Frank called the treat **an**⁷ Eppsicle. The name was later changed to Popsicle.

1. Popsicle – Capitalization: Capitalize proper nouns.
2. children – Singular/Plural Nouns: Some nouns change completely when they become plural.
3. charge – Spelling: A silent e makes a g sound like a j.
4. porch; – Punctuation: Use a semicolon to join two complete sentences in place of a conjunction.
5. it – Noun/Pronoun: Use a noun or pronoun – but not both together – in a sentence.
6. bite – Spelling: A silent e can make the vowel long.
7. an Eppsicle – A/An/The: Use an before a word that begins with a vowel sound.

45. Lost on the Mountain (p. 34)

It was sunny and clear when Travis and his sister, Sadie, **started**¹ down the mountain after a day of playing in the snow. Suddenly, the sky turned gray and dark and it **began**² to snow. The wind **howled**³ and whipped up the snow. Travis and Sadie were caught in a blizzard! They couldn't see, so how would they **stay**⁴ on the path? How would they **keep**⁵ warm? Suddenly, Travis and Sadie saw a dim light and **heard**⁶ their father's voice. He grabbed them and **led**⁷ them down the mountain to safety.

1. started – Verb Tense: A verb in the past tense; the action has happened.

2. began – Verb Tense: An irregular verb in the past tense; the action has happened.
3. howled – Verb Tense: A verb in the past tense; the action has happened.
4. stay – Verb Tense: A verb in the future tense; the action will happen.
5. keep – Verb Tense: An irregular verb in the future tense; the action will happen.
6. heard – Verb Tense: An irregular verb in the past tense; the action has happened.
7. **led** – Verb Tense: An irregular verb in the past tense; the action has happened.

46. Magnificent Mozart (p. 34)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, who **lived**¹ in Austria in the 18th century, was a great composer. He **wrote**² more than 600 pieces of music. His career **took**³ off at a young age. He first **appeared**⁴ at the age of 6, playing the piano in what is now Germany. Then he and his father **went**⁵ to Italy, where, at the age of 13, Mozart played and wrote an opera. He **performed**⁶ and composed music until he **passed**⁷ away at the age of 35. Although he lived more than 200 years ago, Mozart **is**⁸ still famous today, for his music lives on.

1. lived – Verb Tense: A verb in the past tense; the action has happened.
2. wrote – Verb Tense: An irregular verb in the past tense; the action has happened.
3. took – Verb Tense: An irregular verb in the past tense; the action has happened.
4. appeared – Verb Tense: A verb in the past tense; the action has happened.
5. went – Verb Tense: An irregular verb in the past tense; the action has happened.
6. performed – Verb Tense: A verb in the past tense; the action has happened.
7. passed – Verb Tense: A verb in the past tense; the action has happened.
8. is – Verb Tense: An irregular verb in the present tense; the action is happening.