

Working with Tenses

A. Identifying the time expressions. Look at the sentences below and circle or highlight the time expressions.

1. Scientist believe that life reached Earth millions of years ago.
2. Astronomers have known for some time that there is gaseous sugar in space.
3. Long ago some scientists said that impacts from comets probably brought water to Earth.
4. A team of NASA experts is now using a parabolic reflector to examine clouds in the Milky Way.
5. In the future, the team hopes to analyze radio emissions that float in space.
6. By the time they reached a particular temperature, the molecular motion had stopped.
7. By the time they reach a particular temperature, the molecular motion stops.
8. While the team is analyzing the radio emissions, they hope to find other phenomena in space.
9. A radio telescope identifies molecules as they move about in space.
10. A radio telescope identified molecules after they had moved about in space.

B. For each one of the sentences above, write the tense that each sentence has. Do you see any connection between the time expression and the tense?

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C. Using your own words and the time expressions you have circled, write ten new sentences in the correct tense.

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