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The Constitutional Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1787

Directions: Read each group of sentences below and then answer the questions that follow.

Group 1

verbs

Supporters of the Constitution	<i>called</i>	themselves Federalists.
In Virginia, Patrick Henry strongly	<i>opposed</i>	the Constitution.
Federalists <i>replied</i> that the Constitution	<i>protected</i>	citizens very well without a bill of rights.
In 1787 and 1788, voters in each state	<i>elected</i>	delegates to special state conventions.
One by one, states	<i>voted</i>	to ratify the Constitution.
North Carolina	<i>ratified</i>	in November 1789.

Group 2

Antifederalists <i>opposed</i> the Constitution and <i>felt</i> that it	<i>made</i>	the national government too strong and <i>left</i> the states too weak.
Patrick Henry <i>charged</i> that the Constitution	<i>gave</i>	the government too much power.
James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and John Jay	<i>wrote</i>	a series of essays, called The Federalist Papers, defending the Constitution.
The Bill of Rights are natural rights,	<i>said</i>	Madison, that belong to all human beings.
Over time, the Constitution	<i>became</i>	a living document that <i>grew</i> and <i>changed</i> along with the nation.

1. Are the sentences above written in the past or present tense? _____
2. What is the difference between the verbs used in the middle of group 1 and group 2? _____
3. Read the sentences above and pick out two more verbs that would belong in **Group 1** and two more verbs that would belong in **Group 2**.

Group 1	Group 2