The story below is written in the present tense, with the action happening now. Circle the verbs. Write each one in the past tense form. Then, Rewrite the story using your past tense verbs.

The Playground

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Past tense form of the verbs:

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4. ______________________  5. ______________________  6. ______________________
7. ______________________  8. ______________________  9. ______________________
10. _______________________ 11. _______________________ 12. ______________________
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Rewrite the story using the past tense verbs.

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Past tense form of the verbs:

1. was
2. was
3. played
4. jumped
5. saw
6. were
7. raced
8. pumped
9. stopped
10. slowed
11. had
12. climbed
13. ran
14. climbed
15. was
16. came
17. sat
18. got
19. pushed
20. went
21. laughed
22. was
23. rang
24. got
25. lined
26. waved
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