

## Verb Forms

### How to answer questions on SAT Verb Forms

In 1945, the committee \_\_\_\_\_ a landmark decision that altered the project's trajectory.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- a) makes
- b) made
- c) was making
- d) has made

#### How to answer the question in 3 steps

- **Step 1 (Find the When):**
  - Look at the very first phrase: "*In 1945*".
  - This is in the past.
  - We *must be* using Simple Past.
- **Step 2 (Find the Who):**
  - The subject is "*the committee*" (Singular).
- **Step 3 (Eliminate):**
  - Eliminate (a) *makes* this is present tense
  - Eliminate (c) *was making* this is past continuous
    - implies a current action, which doesn't fit with the date
  - Eliminate (d) *has made* this is present perfect
    - can't be used with a specific past year like 1945

**Correct Answer: (b) made**

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