

A Volunteer's Life Answer Key

1. He volunteers at an animal shelter.
2. "Last weekend, however, he **did** make a mistake."
3. "Every morning, he **does** a quick round of feeding the cats before cleaning their cages."
4. Corrected sentence: "He **did** make a mistake." or "He **does** make mistakes sometimes."
5. Example answers may vary; sample: "I **did** study for the test!"

Teacher's Guide

- **Objective:** Strengthen both reading comprehension and correct verb use of **do**, **does**, and **did** in narrative and informational contexts.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Review the difference between **present** and **past** verbs before reading.
 - Pair struggling students with stronger readers for the comprehension portion.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Have students act out parts of the story, emphasizing the **do/does/did** verbs when speaking.
 - Use a "grammar hunt" where students highlight each verb form in the passage before answering.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Challenge students to write a short reflection about a time they helped others, correctly using all three verb forms.
 - Invite advanced learners to change the entire passage into past tense and explain the differences.