

SIMPLE PAST TENSE
Spelling Regular Past Verbs

Rule	Base Form	Past
1. Add <i>-ed</i> to the base form.	work	worked
2. When the base form ends in <i>e</i> , add <i>-d</i> .	take	taked
3. When the base form ends in a <i>consonant + y</i> , no <i>y</i> , add <i>-ied</i> .	study	studied
4. When the base form is <i>one consonant, one vowel, one consonant</i> (CVC), double the last letter and add <i>-ed</i> . <u>Exception: DON'T double w or x</u>	stop ↓ ↓ ↓ CVC	stopped
5. When the base form ends in a vowel + <i>y</i> , add <i>-ed</i>	play ↓ ↓ VY	played

A. Write the past tense of these regular verbs.

EXAMPLE: stay stayed

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| 1. fix _____ | 6. drop _____ |
| 2. use _____ | 7. enjoy _____ |
| 3. skate _____ | 8. carry _____ |
| 4. listen _____ | 9. plant _____ |
| 5. miss _____ | 10. row _____ |

B. Write the words in the correct order. Use the base form verb in parentheses and change it to the regular past tense.

EXAMPLE: (start) my job / I / in January I started my job in January.

1. (stop) working / at 6:00 / We /

2. (wash) the dishes / My daughter / last night

3. (drop) the hammer / The carpenter / yesterday

4. (study) English / Ben / in / his country / years ago / two

5. (visit) their friends / They / last week

6. (paint) the / room / she / living
