

Verbs and Verb Tenses

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What is a verb?

A verb is a word used to describe an action. (What is the action?)





think



sleep



walk



lock



laugh



run



dance

snore



sharpen



bounce



Examples of verbs:

I, You, He, She,
They, It

Past Tense	Present Tense	Future Tense
thought	think	I will think
ran	run	I will run
sharpened	sharpen	I will sharpen
slept	sleep	I will sleep
locked	lock	I will lock
danced	dance	I will dance
bounced	bounce	I will bounce
walked	walk	I will walk
laughed	laugh	I will laugh
snored	snore	I will snore

SIMPLE PAST TENSE

How do we form the simple past tense?

English has two types of verbs
in the past:

-regular

-irregular



Let's read the following list of past tense verbs.....
Which are regular and which are irregular?

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| • walked | regular | |
| • studied | regular | |
| • taught | irregular | teach |
| • gave | irregular | give |
| • became | irregular | become |
| • cried | regular | |
| • lived | regular | |
| • did | irregular | do |

Regular verbs are verbs that end with -ed

Simple form verbs:

Past tense verbs:

walk

walked

study

studied

cry

cried

live

lived

Do you know the rule for choosing -ed or ied?

Rules for adding -ed:

- Add -ed to most verbs
- Drop the “e” and add “ed” to verbs that end with “e” (smile= smiled).
- Change the “y” to “i” and add -ed to verbs that end with a “y” (carry= carried, study= studied).
- Double the consonant and add -ed to verbs that end with one vowel and one consonant (drag= dragged, stop= stopped).

Irregular verbs are verbs that don't end in -
ed.....

Sometimes with irregular past
tense verbs you have to change
the vowel to make the verb past
tense:

become

became

give

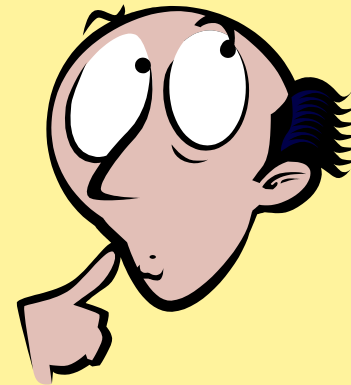
gave

drive

drove

forget

forgot



Other irregular verbs have a different kind of change.....you need to memorize these!

teach

taught

bring

brought

leave

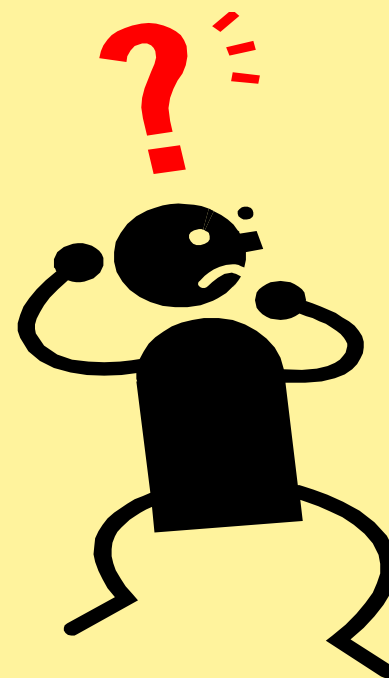
left

hear

heard

buy

bought



Let's practice! Is the verb past, present or future tense?

1. I ran to school. (past, present or future)
2. She will bounce the ball. (past, present or future)
3. He snores so loud. (past, present or future)
4. They danced all night. (past, present or future)
5. You will laugh tomorrow. (past, present or future)
6. I slept too much. (past, present or future)
7. She will think about it. (past, present or future)
8. Please lock the door. (past, present or future)
9. They sharpened all the pencils. (past, present or future)
10. I will walk to school. (past, present or future)