3.2 Using regular and irregular verbs

Language detective

When we talk about things that happened in the past, we change the ending of the verb. Some verbs are regular:

jump – jump**ed**

Some are irregular:

buy – **bought**, think – **thought**, swim – **swam**

Many of the most common verbs are irregular. Make a list and learn them.

Focus

1 **Match the present and past form of these irregular verbs.**

One has been done for you.

Present	Past
write	felt
swim	thought
see	came
feel	read
say	saw
think	wrote
come	said
read	swam









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2 **Read the paragraph from the story. Complete the sentences using the verb form in the past.**

The two boys (**walk**) [1]_____ on. Soon they (**come**) [2]_____ to a cool green oasis with trees, birds and a waterhole. Ibrahim (**jump**) [3]_____ in the water to cool off. Hassan (**rest**) [4]_____ on the shore. Suddenly Hassan (**see**) [5]_____ that his friend (**is**) [6]_____ in trouble. 'Oh no,' thought Hassan. 'Ibrahim is in deep water and he can't swim!' Hassan shouted, 'Keep calm, Ibrahim! I'm coming to help you.' Hassam (**swim**) [7]_____ quickly to Ibrahim. He (**help**) [8]_____ Ibrahim get back to the shore.

Get it right!

Remember, you need to change the verb if you are talking about the past.

I ~~eat~~ **ate** an ice cream yesterday.

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