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A **verb** is a word that expresses an action or state of being. All verbs have four **principal parts** or forms. Most verbs are **regular**, but some common verbs are **irregular**—their past and past participle do not follow a single predictable pattern.

The chart below shows the four principal parts of one regular verb, *ask*, and one irregular verb, *write*.

PRINCIPAL PART	HOW TO FORM	EXAMPLES
Past	REGULAR: Add <i>-d</i> or <i>-ed</i> . IRREGULAR: No one predictable pattern.	Robert <u>asked</u> to be left alone. Sandro <u>wrote</u> a list of items.
Past Participle	REGULAR: Add <i>-d</i> or <i>-ed</i> . Use a form of <i>have</i> . IRREGULAR: No one predictable pattern. Use a form of <i>have</i> .	Mrs. Hanna <u>had asked</u> for her coat. Since Laird <u>had written</u> down the address of the store, he didn't have to look it up.

A. DIRECTIONS: Write in which tense is the sentences written: *past simple*, *past continuous*, or *past perfect*

- _____ Barbara filled the fish tank with fresh water.
- _____ The president was holding a press conference yesterday.
- _____ Had the judges announced the winner before I arrived?
- _____ The secretary worked really hard last week.

B. DIRECTIONS: Choose the correct form of the verb.

- The writer _____ (have) many books to sign two hours ago.
- You mean I _____ (do) the wrong math assignment?
- Now I wish that I had _____ (go) with you.
- Kerry, did you _____ (bring) your tennis racket?

C. DIRECTIONS: Write the principal parts of each verb.

Present

Past

Past Participle

- wait
- listen
- run
- send

A.DIRECTIONS: Identify the main verb and write if it formed from: *past simple*, *past perfect*, or *past continuous*.

1. _____ The head chef personally prepared each dish.
 2. _____ The referee had blown the whistle.
 3. _____ We were planning a trip to Yellowstone Park last summer.
 4. _____ Amelia Earhart did what few other people dared to do.
 5. _____ Our little kitten had drunk all its milk while I ate.
 6. _____ I was calling Dr. Stewart 2 hours ago.
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B. DIRECTIONS: Complete each sentence with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. (live) Kevin had _____ in Kentucky before he moved to Mexico.
2. (see) Yesterday, Ian _____ a blue whale for the first time.
3. (discuss) The players were _____ their strategies.
4. (smile) Before he spoke, the entertainer _____ at the audience.
5. (draw) He had _____ a wonderful picture of the landscape.

