Past Tense - Regular Verbs

Use the simple past tense to talk about completed events and activities.

Statements with Past Tense Verbs		
Affirmative	For all regular verbs, add an -ed ending in the past tense.	My mother **knitted** my sweater. I **cleaned** the kitchen. The children **played** games. You **worked** hard.
Negative	For negative past tense verbs, use did not (or didn't) before the base verb.	We **didn't own** a TV. He **didn't have** a computer. They **didn't hear** the news. I **didn't live** in Ottawa last year.

The spelling of past tense regular verbs depends on the ending - ***consonant*** (C) or ***vowel*** (V).

Spelling Rules		
-y after a consonant	Change -y to i and add -ed	try/**tried** carry/**carried** dry/**dried**
C+V+C for a one-syllable verb	Double the final consonant and add -ed	plan/**planned** stop/**stopped** plug/**plugged**
C+V+C for two-syllable verb	Double the final consonant only if the last syllable is stressed	permit/**permitted** prefer/**preferred** occur/**occurred**
-e	Add only -d	tie/**tied** change/**changed** live/**lived**
other	Add -ed to the simple form of all other regular verbs.	want/**wanted** ask/**asked** belong/**belonged**

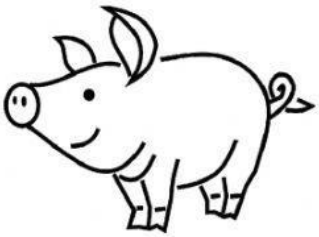
1 **PRACTICE** Write the affirmative and negative past tense of each verb.

base verb	affirmative	negative	base verb	affirmative	negative
help	*helped*	*didn't help*	try		
stay			carry		
listen			order		
play			plan		
study			live		
own			call		
like			watch		
beg			marry		
smile			die		
travel			dance		
look			walk		

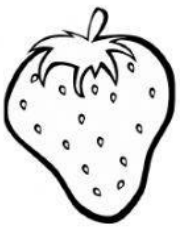
2 **PRACTICE** Fill in the blanks with the correct simple past tense of the verbs in parentheses.



When I was a child, my grandparents _____ **[own]** a farm. We _____ **[live]** in the city but my sister and I _____ **[visit]** my grandparents. Every summer we _____ **[work]** on the farm. In the morning, my grandfather and I _____ **[check]** on all the animals. I _____ **[look]** after the pigs. I _____ **[help]** my grandfather feed them and then my sister and I _____ **[clean]** their pens.



My grandparents _____ **[not own]** a TV but we _____ **[not need]** TV or modern toys to have fun. On hot afternoons, my sister and I _____ **[play]** on a tire swing in loft of the barn. Other times we _____ **[pick]** strawberries for our grandmother. We always _____ **[argue]** over who could eat the most.



My grandmother _____ **[cook]** the best dinners. She _____ **[not look]** at a recipe. She just _____ **[remember]** what her grandmother _____ **[show]** her. Sometimes she _____ **[try]** to teach us. After we _____ **[finish]** dinner, we _____ **[wash]** the dishes (they _____ **[not own]** a dishwasher) and then we _____ **[join]** our grandparents on the front porch. They _____ **[talk]** to us about their childhoods and they _____ **[share]** stories about our family history. My sister and I always _____ **[enjoy]** our summers on the farm.

