

# Past Tense - Regular Verbs

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

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

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

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



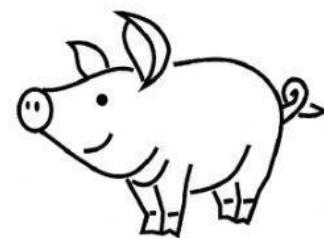
**PRACTICE** Write the affirmative and negative past tense of each verb.

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

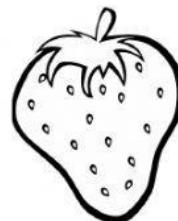
## 2 PRACTICE Fill in the blanks with the correct simple past tense of the verbs in parentheses.



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.

