Remember!

Simple Past Tense
Regular Verbs

Spelling Rules	Examples
Ending in e add d	live – lived stare – stared
Ending in vowel + y add ed	stay – stayed play – played
Ending in consonant + y change y to i and add ed	try – tried carry – carried
One syllable, single vowel and ending in single consonant double the final consonant and add ed	nod – nodded rip - ripped
Two-syllable, stress on second syllable and ending in single consonant double the final consonant and add ed	commit – committed prefer – preferred

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Exercise 1
Put the regular verbs in the correct category:

cry	like	stop	wait	stay	fail
enjoy	label	agree	marry	explain	hop
care	bury	use	jog	clap	prefer

- d only	- ed only	- ied	double consonant + - ed
lived	cleaned	studied	shopped

Exercise 2
Complete the story with the correct forms the verbs in brackets.

A young man aged 13 ..... the Simpson Bank in Motown yesterday night. (rob)

He ..... his toy gun and ..... by his father's red BMW. (use | travel)

He ..... the money in his sister's school bag. (carry) The young man .....

to his grandma's garden to hide the money there. (hurry) When he ..... the garden,

he could see a policeman. (enter) The policeman ..... to chase him. (start) The young

man ..... the bag with the money. (drop) - Suddenly, he could hear his telephone.

"Bob, are you still asleep?"

"Oh, mum. I had a terrible dream!"

You can find the spelling rules at Regular and irregular verbs (www.e-grammar.org).

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