

# PAST SIMPLE:

## REGULAR AND IRREGULAR VERBS

### REGULAR VERBS:

Regular verbs take the ending **-ED** to form the past simple. However, there are exceptions in spelling when adding **-ed**:

- ① Verbs ending in **-e** only add **-d**:

love -> loved

hate -> hated

- ② One-syllable verbs ending in **consonant + vowel + consonant**, double the last consonant and add **-ed**.

stop -> stopped

chat -> chatted

- ③ Verbs ending in **consonant + y** change **-y** to **-i** and then add **-ed**.

cry -> cried

study -> studied

**Be careful!** If a verb ends in **vowel + -y** there are **no changes**:

play -> played

### IRREGULAR VERBS:

I'm sorry, but you have to learn irregular verbs by heart... Some very common English verbs are irregular. Here you have some examples:

BASE FORM	PAST SIMPLE
Be	Was / were
Buy	Bought
Go	Went
Run	Ran
Write	Wrote

### HOW CAN WE KNOW IF A VERB IS REGULAR OR IRREGULAR?

The easiest way is to **learn the list of irregular verbs**. If a verb doesn't appear in the list of irregular verbs, then it is regular and takes **-ed** to form the past.

You can also **check a dictionary** to know if a verb is regular or not. Irregular past forms appear next to infinitives in dictionaries.

