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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
<b>Past</b>	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.
<b>Past Participle</b>	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.

