# PAST SIMPLE OF REGULAR VERBS (1)

The past tense of regular verbs is formed by adding -ed to the base verb, but we must keep these rules in mind:

1. In general we add **-ed** to all regular verbs.

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| I paint the fence.<br>you work hard. | I paint**ed** the fence.<br>You work**ed** hard. |

2.- To the **verbs ending in -e**, we only **add a -d.**

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| We liv**e** in Paris.<br>They lik**e** dancing. | We liv**ed** in Paris.<br>They lik**ed** dancing. |

3.- To the verbs ending in **consonant + -y,** change the "y" to "i" and add -ed (=-ied).

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| You stud**y** maths.<br>Babies cr**y** a lot. | You studi**ed** maths.<br>Babies cri**ed** a lot. |

4.- Verbs ending in a **vowel + -y**, add **-ed**.

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| You pl**ay** tennis.<br>I p**ay** two dollars. | You play**ed**.<br>I pay**ed** two dollars. |

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5.- Special cases:

Verbs ending in vowel + consonant (stop, ban, occur, open, offer...)

a) if the accent falls on the vowel of the last syllable, it doubles

stop , plan, ban

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| You **stop** your car here.<br>They ba**n** your blog on the internet. | You stop**ped** your car here.<br>They ban**ned** your blog on the internet. |

Except for the verbs ending in "y" and "w"

› play , show

b) If the accent does NOT fall on the vowel of the last syllable, it does not bend.

› offer , open

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| You open the windows.<br>I offer some drinks to the guests. | You open**ed** the windows.<br>I offer**ed** some drinks to the guests. |

Except for verbs ending in **"l"** which **double the "l"** even though the accent does not fall on the last syllable.

- Travel, cancel

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| We travel by train.<br>They cancel the show. | We travel**led** by train.<br>They cancel**led** the show. |

**Pay attention**:

**One-syllable verbs with two vowels do not double the consonant.

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|---|---|
| I cook ..... I cook**ed** | They look at me.....they look**ed** at me |

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