

Language Arts

Present – and Past – Tense Verbs



Rules

- Add -s or -es to form **present-tense** singular verbs. Before adding -es to singular verbs ending in a consonant and y, change y to i.
- Add -d or -ed form **past-tense verbs**. To add -ed to verbs ending in a consonant and y, change y to i. To add -ed to one-syllable verbs ending in one vowel and one consonant, double the consonant.

A. Write the correct form of the verb in parentheses. Use the tense indicated at the end of each sentence.

1. Shadday (rush) to the ballet competition. Past
2. She (worry) about her chances. Past
3. Tianna (hurry) through her warm-up exercises. Present
4. She (watch) the judges carefully. Present
5. Another dancer (slip) during her dance. Past

B. Read each sentence carefully. Use the past tense of the verb.

6. Shadday (dress) for the performance.
7. She (clip) some barrettes in her hair.
8. Her mother (apply) her make-up.
9. She (like) her mother's help.
10. Shadday's performance (amazed) the audience.