

Simple Past Tense

Regular

Add -ed to the end of the verb.

*In writing, the past tense is always -d or -ed.
When we speak, it sounds like -d, -ed, OR -t *

Listen → listened /'lɪsənd/ [sounds like: /d/]

Clean → cleaned /kli:nd/ [sounds like: /d/]

Ask → asked /ɑ:skt/ [sounds like: /t/]

Try → tried /traɪd/ [sounds like: /d/]

Talk → talked /tɔ:kt/ [sounds like: /t/]

Study → studied /'stʌdɪd/ [sounds like: /d/]

Learn → learned /lɜ:nd/ [sounds like: /d/]

Cry → cried /kraɪd/ [sounds like: /d/]

Jump → jumped /dʒʌmpt/ [sounds like: /t/]

Miss → missed /mɪst/ [sounds like: /t/]

Mop → mopped /mɒpt/ [sounds like: /t/]

Laugh → laughed /lɑ:ft/ [sounds like: /t/]

Cook → cooked /kʊkt/ [sounds like: /t/]

Walk → walked /wɔ:kt/ [sounds like: /t/]

Argue → argue /'ɑ:gju:d/ [sounds like: /d/]

Play → played /pleɪd/ [sounds like: /d/]

Pay → payed /peɪd/ [sounds like: /d/]

End → ended /'endɪd/ [sounds like: /ɪd/]

Twist → twisted /'twɪstɪd/ [sounds like: /ɪd/]

Irregular

There is no rule, you must memorize these verbs.

Drive → _____

Become → _____

Begin → _____

Forget → _____

Write → _____

Fight → _____

Give → _____

Sleep → _____

Go → _____

Have → _____

Run → _____

Choose → _____

Meet → _____

Send → _____

See → _____

Be → _____

Think → _____

Buy → _____

Speed → _____