V–ed spelling rules

1. GENERAL RULE: to form the **past simple** and the **past participle** of regular verbs we add **-ed** to the infinitive.

   Write the -ed form of these regular verbs:

   look – _____

   ask – _____

   walk – _____

   climb – _____

2. EXCEPTIONS TO THE GENERAL RULE:

   A) If the verb ends in -e we only add -d.

   Write the -ed form of these regular verbs:

   move – _____

   arrive – _____

   die – _____

   translate – _____

   B) If the verb ends in a consonant + y we replace it with -ied, but if there is a vowel before the -y, we do not double the y.

   Write the -ed form of these regular verbs:

   marry – _____

   try – _____

   play – _____

copy – _____

cry – _____

stay – _____

C) If the verb ends in a consonant + vowel + consonant we double the last consonant (there are exceptions to this rule – see below).

Write the -ed form of these regular verbs:

stop – _____

plan – _____

admit – _____

rob – _____

Exceptions:

-x is never doubled because it represents two consonant sounds: /ks/ or /gs/.

-w is never doubled because it is not pronounced as a consonant in English: it is the semiconsonant /w/.

Write the -ed form of these regular verbs:

box – _____

follow – _____

mix – _____

swallow – _____

Exception: if the stressed syllable in the verb is not the last one, then the last consonant is not doubled:

listen – _____

answer – _____

open – _____

happen – _____

Exception to the previous exception (in British English only): if the last letter in the infinitive is an -l, then it can be doubled:

travel – travelled (British English)
travel – traveled (American English)

Write the -ed form of these regular verbs:

start –	fix –	listen –
control –	appear –	travel –
check –	undress –	compare –
close –	stay –	copy –
talk –	dust –	pass –
occur –	play –	walk –
change –	cause –	paste –
complain –	cancel –	transport –
reach –	live –	tax –
stop –	dry –	retire –
fax –	agree –	comb –
earn –	repeat –	burn –
mark –	extend –	cough –
work –	type –	practise –
splash –	cook –	press –
turn –	lie –	bottle –
move –	phone –	fix –
risk –	defend –	sneeze –
wash –	plan –	complete –
look –	crash –	water –
select –	fill –	plug –
breathe –	return –	try –
open –	pretend –	borrow –
clean –	cry –	sunbathe –
drop –	study –	finish –