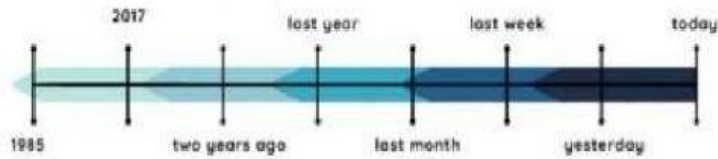


# Practicing the PAST TENSE

## Regular and irregular forms

We change the **VERB** into the **PAST TENSE** when we talk or write about things that happened in the **PAST**



### Regular PAST TENSE verbs

With some words, you can do this by adding the suffix **-d**, **-ed** or **-ied**

For example:

|         |    |           |
|---------|----|-----------|
| I USE   | -> | I USED    |
| I PLAY  | -> | I PLAYED  |
| I WORK  | -> | I WORKED  |
| I STUDY | -> | I STUDIED |

### Regular past tense SUFFIX rules

Brush/Wash ed

Pinch/Watch ed

Pass/Kiss ed

Box/Fix ed

Talk/Walk ed

Prey/Play ed

If the verb has the sound sh, ch, ss, x, k  
Just add **ed** to the end

If the verb ends with a **vowel** and **consonant**  
Just add **ed** to the end

Marryied/Studyied

If the verb ends with a **consonant** and **y**  
**Delete the y** and add **ied**

Closed / Lived / Saved / Liked / Arrived

If the verb ends with an **e**  
Just add **d**

Stopped

Planned

Travelled

Chatted

If the verb ends with a **consonant**, **vowel** and **p, n, l, t**  
Double the **p, n, l, t** and add **ed**

## Use the suffix rules above to help you practice

Can you change the following words?

|          |                |            |  |         |  |
|----------|----------------|------------|--|---------|--|
| I ask    | <i>I asked</i> | I look     |  | I talk  |  |
| I brush  |                | I need     |  | I try   |  |
| I dry    |                | I open     |  | I use   |  |
| I follow |                | I provide  |  | I wait  |  |
| I help   |                | I remember |  | I want  |  |
| I live   |                | I study    |  | I watch |  |

### Irregular PAST TENSE verbs

Some words are different because they are **IRREGULAR** spellings in the past tense.

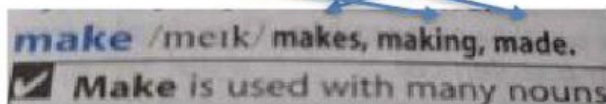
They change spelling completely so we must remember those one by one with practice/lots of use.

For example:

|         |    |         |
|---------|----|---------|
| I KNOW  | -> | I KNEW  |
| I DRINK | -> | I DRANK |

Can you try changing the following verbs to the **past tense** ? Irregular verbs and their past tenses are listed in dictionaries so check in the dictionary (or online dictionary/google) if you don't know. The 3<sup>rd</sup> verb is usually the past simple, the 1<sup>st</sup> is the present simple 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular and the 2<sup>nd</sup> is the present participle with gerund form (ing).

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|         |              |          |  |         |  |
|---------|--------------|----------|--|---------|--|
| I am    | <i>I was</i> | I dig    |  | I give  |  |
| I begin |              | I do     |  | I have  |  |
| I blow  |              | I draw   |  | I keep  |  |
| I bring |              | I eat    |  | I lose  |  |
| I build |              | I fall   |  | I make  |  |
| I catch |              | I fly    |  | I sleep |  |
| I come  |              | I forget |  | I write |  |