

Past Tense: Adding ed to Verbs

The ed ending and its three spelling rules. Five exercises, answers on zigzu.co.

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1 Write the past tense. Just add ed.

The past tense tells us what happened before, not what happens now.

- a. walk → _____ b. play → _____ c. wash → _____
d. look → _____ e. help → _____ f. paint → _____

2 Double the last letter, then add ed

These verbs are short, with one vowel in the middle. Write the last letter twice.

- a. stop → _____ b. clap → _____ c. hop → _____
d. drop → _____ e. plan → _____ f. pat → _____

3 Change the y to i, then add ed

This happens when the letter before the y is not a vowel.

- a. cry → _____ b. try → _____ c. carry → _____
d. hurry → _____ e. copy → _____ f. dry → _____

4 Write the past tense of the word in brackets

- a. Yesterday Meera _____ (walk) to school with Anu.
b. Last night the baby _____ (cry) for one hour.
c. The bus _____ (stop) near our house last evening.

5 One word is wrong. Write it correctly.

Read the first words. They tell you the sentence is about the past.

- a. Yesterday I walk to the shop with Dev. _____
b. Last night Meera stoped at our garden gate. _____
c. The baby cryed for a long time yesterday. _____

Parent tip: the ed at the end is a soft sound and it is easy to swallow. Ask your child to read exercise 5 aloud after they fix it, and listen for the ed.