

Past Tense Verbs Worksheet

Talking about things that already happened.

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ASHA places -ed for past actions in the 2-to-3-year band

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Past tense is how English marks that something already happened. Most verbs take a regular -ed ending, which lands on the ear three different ways: /t/ in "walked," /d/ in "played," and a whole extra syllable in "wanted." A few dozen very common verbs ignore the rule entirely and change their whole shape instead - go becomes went, eat becomes ate.

What to expect: Children pick up the -ed rule around age 3 and then cheerfully apply it to everything, which is why you suddenly start hearing "I goed" and "he runned" from a child who said "went" correctly six months earlier. This is called overgeneralization, and it is a genuinely good sign: it means the child has extracted the rule rather than memorizing words one at a time. The irregular forms come back in over the next couple of years.

Regular Past Tense (-ed)

Read each sentence out loud. Fill in the blank with the past tense of the word in parentheses.

1. Today I walk to school. Yesterday I ____ to school. (walk)
2. Today I jump on the bed. Yesterday I ____ on the bed. (jump)
3. Today I play outside. Yesterday I ____ outside. (play)
4. Today I help Mom. Yesterday I ____ Mom. (help)
5. Today I paint a picture. Yesterday I ____ a picture. (paint)
6. Today I wash my hands. Yesterday I ____ my hands. (wash)
7. Today I call Grandma. Yesterday I ____ Grandma. (call)
8. Today I open the door. Yesterday I ____ the door. (open)
9. Today I climb the ladder. Yesterday I ____ the ladder. (climb)
10. Today I laugh at the joke. Yesterday I ____ at the joke. (laugh)

11. Today I want a snack. Yesterday I ____ a snack. (want)
12. Today I brush my teeth. Yesterday I ____ my teeth. (brush)
13. Today I kick the ball. Yesterday I ____ the ball. (kick)
14. Today I count to ten. Yesterday I ____ to ten. (count)
15. Today I share my toys. Yesterday I ____ my toys. (share)

Irregular Past Tense

These verbs do not follow the -ed rule. Fill in the blank with the past tense form.

16. Today I go to the park. Yesterday I ____ to the park. (go)
17. Today I eat an apple. Yesterday I ____ an apple. (eat)
18. Today I run fast. Yesterday I ____ fast. (run)
19. Today I see a bird. Yesterday I ____ a bird. (see)
20. Today I sit on the rug. Yesterday I ____ on the rug. (sit)
21. Today I drink my milk. Yesterday I ____ my milk. (drink)
22. Today I sleep in my bed. Yesterday I ____ in my bed. (sleep)
23. Today I write my name. Yesterday I ____ my name. (write)
24. Today I take the bus. Yesterday I ____ the bus. (take)
25. Today I give her a hug. Yesterday I ____ her a hug. (give)
26. Today I come home early. Yesterday I ____ home early. (come)
27. Today I make my bed. Yesterday I ____ my bed. (make)
28. Today I fall down. Yesterday I ____ down. (fall)
29. Today I catch the ball. Yesterday I ____ the ball. (catch)
30. Today I buy a snack. Yesterday I ____ a snack. (buy)

31. Today I swim in the pool. Yesterday I ____ in the pool. (swim)
32. Today I sing a song. Yesterday I ____ a song. (sing)
33. Today I ride my bike. Yesterday I ____ my bike. (ride)
34. Today I draw a picture. Yesterday I ____ a picture. (draw)
35. Today I break a crayon. Yesterday I ____ a crayon. (break)

Tell Me What Happened

Look at each picture card and tell the whole story in past tense. Say at least one full sentence.

36. The girl is baking cookies. What happened?
37. The dog is digging a hole. What happened?
38. The boy is riding his bike. What happened?
39. The cat is sleeping on the chair. What happened?
40. The baby is eating a banana. What happened?
41. The kids are building a sandcastle. What happened?
42. The bird is flying to the nest. What happened?
43. The man is washing the car. What happened?

Answer Key

Regular Past Tense (-ed)

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| 1. walked | 9. climbed |
| 2. jumped | 10. laughed |
| 3. played | 11. wanted |
| 4. helped | 12. brushed |
| 5. painted | 13. kicked |
| 6. washed | 14. counted |
| 7. called | 15. shared |
| 8. opened | |

Irregular Past Tense

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| 16. went | 26. came |
| 17. ate | 27. made |
| 18. ran | 28. fell |
| 19. saw | 29. caught |
| 20. sat | 30. bought |
| 21. drank | 31. swam |
| 22. slept | 32. sang |
| 23. wrote | 33. rode |
| 24. took | 34. drew |
| 25. gave | 35. broke |

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