

Regular verbs

Regular verbs are verbs that end in *ed* in the past tense.

walk → *walked*

play → *played*

kiss → *kissed*

but there are some spelling rules. If a verb ends in *-e*, you add *-d*.

agree → *agreed*

like → *liked*

escape → *escaped*

If a verb ends in a vowel and a consonant, the consonant is usually doubled before *-ed*.

stop → *stopped*

plan → *planned*

If a verb ends in consonant and *-y*, you take off the *y* and add *-ied*.

try → *tried*

carry → *carried*

But if the word ends in a vowel and *-y*, you add *-ed*.

play → *played*

enjoy → *enjoyed*

Write the past simple of the following verbs in the right place.

close finish hurry like open prepare terrify touch try want step
serve stay pray enjoy cook plan admit bury wrap trace
spray rely ask supply trap jog obey type play

Verb + *-ed*

Verb + *-d*

Vowel + *y* + *-ed*

Consonant + *y* + *ied*

Double consonant + *-ed*

Fill in the blanks with the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

1. Nikita _____ (watch) a comedy on her laptop.
2. The girl, with the dragon tattoo on her shoulder _____ (finish) her work.
3. The car _____ (stop) in the middle of the street.
4. My father's friend _____ (fix) the kitchen sink.
5. The orphans _____ (visit) the museum.
6. Brenda _____ (wash) her hair with a new designer shampoo.
7. My girlfriend _____ (notice) my new red shoes.
8. My mother _____ (guide) Harry through his difficult divorce with his ex-wife.
9. The criminal _____ (confess) to the kidnapping of the billionaire and philanthropist Raymond Bauer.
10. They _____ (offer) me a new job at the travel agency.
11. Last night I _____ (wait) for you for an hour under the rain. I was very wet and angry. Never again.
12. My mother _____ (divide) the cake in six pieces and I didn't get enough. I went to bed hungry.
13. A friend of mine _____ (receive) a weird e-mail.

14. My baby brother _____ (damage) the TV.
15. My extended family _____ (plan) a trip to the African continent. I hope they love it there.
16. Mr Harrison _____ (carry) the old pictures in to the basement.
17. I _____ (talk) to John on the phone.
18. Last weekend I _____ (dance) with Jim.
19. Karen and Hank Moody _____ (play) hide and seek.
20. The students _____ (describe) their last holidays.
21. I _____ (collect) stamps and butterflies when I was only a boy.
22. The young boy _____ (cry) for help.
23. Susan _____ (wrap) the present.
24. Katy _____ (admire) her grandmother.
25. The baby _____ (clap) his hands with satisfaction.

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Answer key:

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Closed	cooked
finished	planned
hurried	admitted
liked	buried
opened	wrapped
prepared	traced
terrified	sprayed
touched	relied
tried	asked
wanted	supplied
stepped	trapped
serves	jogged
stayed	obeyed
prayed	typed
enjoyed	played

2

1. watched	14. damaged
2. finished	15. planned
3. stopped	16. carried
4. fixed	17. talked
5. visited	18. danced
6. washed	19. played
7. noticed	20. described
8. guided	21. collected
9. confessed	22. cried
10. offered	23. wrapped
11. waited	24. admired
12. divided	25. clapped
13. receive	