Grammar Putting Verbs in the Past Simple Tense

Can you put these verbs into past simple tense?

Look

2001		
Jog		
Bring		
Refer		
Eat		
Live		
Dye		
Fancy		
Grow		
Has		
Now, write three sentences u	sing verbs in the past simple to	ense.
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2		

Answers

Look	Looked
Jog	Jogged
Bring	Brought
Refer	Referred
Eat	Ate
Live	Lived
Dye	Dyed
Fancy	Fancied
Grow	Grew
Has	Had



What is Past Simple Tense?

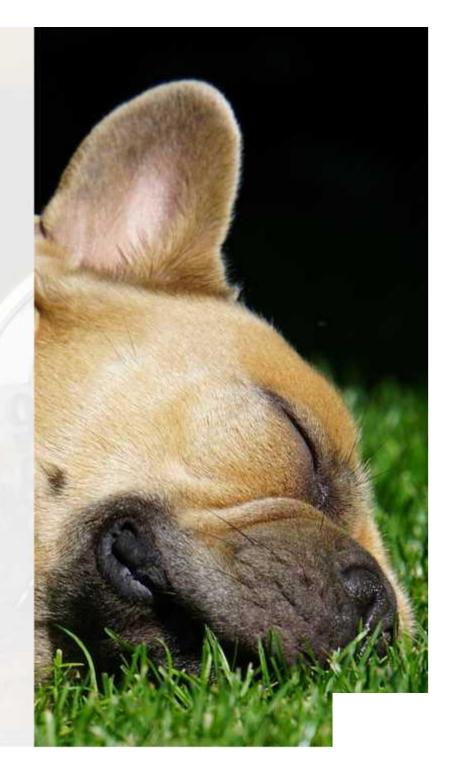
Past simple, sometimes referred to as preterite, is the verb tense we use when describing something that happened in the past.

I walked

He jumped

We slept

They barked



Forming the Past Simple Tense

For many verbs, we simply add **-ed** to make the past simple tense:

Walk Walked

However, in some cases, we may need to change the root word before we add **-ed**:

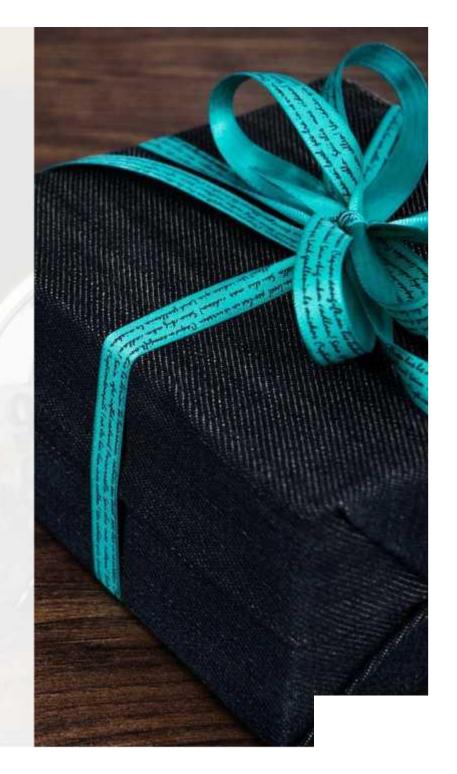
Hurry Hurried

Wrap Wrapped

Admit Admitted

Panic Panicked

We're going to look at the rules for changing the root word.



Words Ending in e

If the verb ends in **e**, we simply need to add an extra **d** to form the past simple tense.

Bake Baked

Hope Hoped

Whine Whined



Words Ending in y

If the verb ends in a <u>consonant</u> A letter which is not a, e, i, o or u.

y, then the y becomes an i. Then we add -ed:

Hurry Hurried

Worry Worried

Scurry Scurried

But if the verb ends in a **vowel** a a, e, i, o, u. y, then we just add **-ed**:

Stay Stayed



If the verb with one <u>syllable</u> example A beat when we pronounce a word.

vowel and a consonant then we double
the consonant. Then we add -ed:

Wrap Wrapped

Beg Begged

Step Stepped



Words With Double Consonants

Sometimes, a verb with more than one syllable ends in a vowel and a consonant, and the last syllable is

stressed. Ir The part of a word we emphasise the most.

consonant, then add -ed.

Prefer Preferred

Admit Admitted

Regret Regretted

(The stressed syllable is shown in blue.)



Words Ending in c

If a verb ends in **c**, then we add a **k** before we add –**ed**.

Panic Panicked

Traffic Trafficked



Irregular Verbs

Some verbs have an **irregular** form – they don't follow any rules! It's easiest for us to just learn these.

Run Ran

See Saw

Teach Taught

Say Said

Be Was



Have A Go

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Look Looked

Jog Jogged

Bring Brought

Refer Referred

Eat Ate

Live Lived

Dye Dyed

Fancy Fancied

Grow Grew

Has Had





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