

# Simple past and irregular verbs.

Hello and welcome back, in this lesson we will be exploring the past tense. We will see what types of words are effected and what we need to change!

So first what do I mean by '**Past**'?

Well, certain words such as '**verbs**' are effected by the time in which the action took place. These times are called **tenses**.

We have three main tenses in English.

**Past**



**Present (NOW)**



**Future**



## **Verbs are effected by the tense.**

What is a **verb** again?

A verb shows an action or a state of being.

Here are some examples:

**Run**



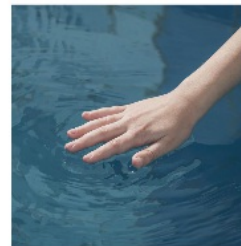
**Sleep**



**Smell**



**Feel**



**Play**



**Watch**



## Let's use these in a sentence:

I **run** to school.

I **sleep** at night.

I **smell** flowers.

I **feel** good.

I **play** football.

I **watch** television.

These are all the actions within the sentence.

These verbs are used in the '**present tense**' these actions are happening now!

What do we do if the actions have finished?

# Past tense

The past tense is when an action (verb) has been done. It is over!

There is a simple rule to change the verb from present to past,  
you just add (ed) to the verb.

Present		Past
Verb + (ed)	=	Verb(ed)

## Examples:

**Present**

**I play** football.



**Past**

**I played** football.

**I watch** television.



**I watched** television.

<b>Base Verb</b>	<b>Past</b>
pass	passed
study	studied
cook	cooked
create	created
ask	asked
watch	watched
listen	listened

If the verb ends in 'y' then the past form of the verb swaps the 'y' for an 'i'

<b>Present</b>		<b>Past</b>
Verb(y) + (ed)	=	Verb(i)(ed)
I <b>study</b>	=	I <b>studied</b>

Any verbs that has 'ed' at the end of it in the past tense, are called **regular verbs**.

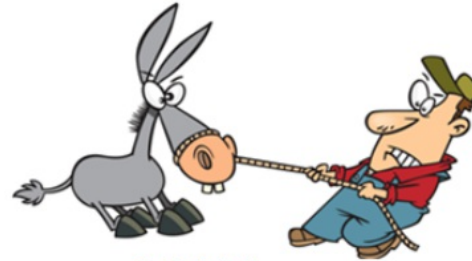




Talk - Talked



Laugh - Laughed



Pull - Pulled



Travel - Travelled



Watch - Watched



Cook - Cooked

# Irregular verbs

However there are some verbs that do not follow this pattern.

These verbs are called '**irregular verbs**'.

Unfortunately there are no set rules on how to form the past of these verbs, however there are some patterns.

<b>Base Verb</b>	<b>Past</b>
Have	Had
do	did
say	said
get	got
make	Made
go	went
know	knew
take	took
see	saw
come	came
think	thought
give	gave

**Cost**



**Lie**



**Drive**



**Hold**



**Speak**



**Tell**



# Be verbs

Be verbs indicate a state of being.

So what the subject/s action about themselves is.

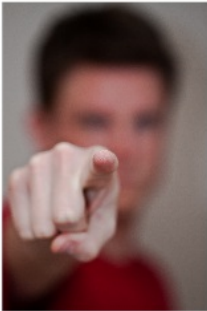
The verbs must also match the subject or subjects.

The subjects can be split into different groups:

**I**



**You**



**He**



**She**



**It**



**We**



**They**



Then the 'be' verbs follow the subject in the sentence:

**I am**

**You are**

**He is**

**She is**

**It is**

**We are**

**They are**

As a recap, the **'be'** verbs are:

**Am, are and is**

So the past of the 'be' verbs?

**Present**

**Past**

Am

was

Are

were

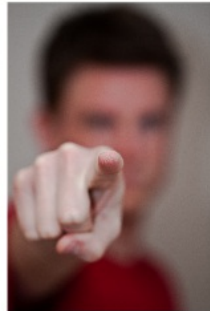
Is

was

**I**



**You**



**He**



**She**



**It**



**We**



**They**

