

Verbs are words that describe action, or what something is doing. There are two kinds of verbs: action and linking verbs. Action verbs are words that describe action, or what something is doing. Linking verbs help action verbs, and include forms of be, can, do, has, will, shall, may and might. Most verbs can be made into simple past tense by adding some form of "-ed" to the end of the word, such as:

jumped walked hiked
 bounced skied danced

Some verbs can **NOT** be made past tense just by adding some form of "-ed" to the end of the word. We call these words, irregular verbs. There is no way to predict how an irregular verb will be spelled - you have to memorize them.

Some examples of common irregular verbs include:

Infinitive verb	Past Tense	Past Participle
win	won	won
swim	swam	swum
drink	drank	drunk
bite	bit	bitten
begin	began	begun
be	was / were	been
bring	brought	brought
buy	bought	bought
think	thought	thought
steal	stole	stolen
lose	lost	lost
hide	hid	hidden / hid