Regular and Irregular Verbs



Change in Verbs

Past	Present	Future
played	play/ playing	will play
ate	eat/ eating	will eat
wrote	write/ writing	will write



Regular Verbs

Read the following sets of action words.

WALK → WALKED → WALKING	JUMP→ JUMPED → JUMPING
PLAY → PLAYED → PLAYING	SKIP → SKIPPED→ SKIPPING
LAUGH → LAUGHED→ LAUGHING	HOP→ HOPPED→ HOPPING
LIVE → LIVED → LIVING	OPEN → OPENED → OPENING
CRY → CRIED → CRYING	SHOP → SHOPPED → SHOPPING

The spelling changes as the time changes.



Regular Verbs

Read the sentences. Notice the underlined words.

- Raja **brushed** his teeth every day.
- All the children **danced** at the annual function.
- The car **stopped** in the middle of the road.
- He **talked** very loudly.
- I **shifted** the table.



Follow the Rules

Some verbs follow set rules to change according to the number and time.

We add → ‘-d’, ‘-ed’, ‘-s’, ‘-es’, ‘-ing’ to the action word.

They follow rules.

Read some more words which follow rules:

climbed, baked, danced, brushed, snowed

sings, bakes, dances, brushes, brushing, snowing



Try It Yourself!

Write the past tense form of the verbs in brackets.

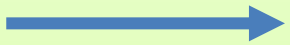
1. Geeta _____ (play) with Manav in the park yesterday.
2. The teacher _____ (smile) at the student's reply.
3. Meena and I _____ (watch) a comedy movie last Friday.
4. I _____ (finish) my homework an hour ago.
5. The little monkey _____ (climb) the big tree.



Irregular Verbs

Look at the words in the two boxes given below. Do the words in box 2 follow any fixed rule to change?

Box 1	Box 2
begin	began
wear	wore
buy	bought
get	got
fight	fought
meet	met
say	said
wake	woke
catch	caught



These are irregular verbs. They do not follow a pattern. The whole word changes with time.

Try It Yourself!

Write the past tense form of the verbs in brackets.

1. We _____ (sleep) early on Monday.
2. Meera _____ (fly) in from Australia last night.
3. Mitali _____ (forget) your birthday.
4. I _____ (speak) to my friend last week.
5. The child _____ (throw) the banana.

