

Adding 'ed' to Verbs in the Past Tense

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1. Add 'ed' to each of the words below to change them into the past tense.

play_____

walk_____

jump_____

talk_____

pour_____

listen_____

look_____

sprint_____

show_____

2. Now write a sentence using each word.

E.g. I talked to Polly the parrot.

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look: _____

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1. Change these sentences in to the past tense by adding 'ed' to the verb. Remember, the verb is the 'doing word'.

a. The children play with the football.

b. I walk to school everyday.

c. I jump on the trampoline.

d. I help my mum with the washing up.

e. I show my teacher my homework.

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f. The children talk to the teacher.

g. I push my sister on the swing.

h. I pour the milk on to my cornflakes.

2. Can you spot the errors in this piece of writing?

It is meant to be in the past tense but the writer has made some mistakes.
There are **five** mistakes to find!

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2. What do you think happens next?

Write an adventure for Tom and the aliens, making sure that you are writing in the past tense. Remember, most verbs need 'ed' on the end!
