



Phonics at Home

Phase 6

Verbs in the Past Tense

What are verbs in the past tense?

The past is when something has already happened. When we write in the past tense we need to change the spelling of the verb.

Some verbs we can add the suffix -ed; these are called regular verbs, for example **walk** changes to **walked**. These verbs have a sound at the end that might sound like 'd', 't' or 'ed'.

Some verbs change their spelling completely; these are called irregular verbs, for example **run** changes to **ran**. If a word ends in the letter 'y' we must change this to the letter 'i' before applying the suffix, for example **cry** change to **cried**.

Examples of Verbs in the Past Tense



Present Tense	Past Tense
jump	jumped
fly	flew
spy	cried
sing	sung
squirt	squirted
wrap	wrapped
talk	talked
bake	baked



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