

Spelling of the “-ed” form

The rules:

Rule 1:

Regular verbs ending in a silent “e” take /-d/ in the simple past and past participle.

EXAMPLES :

- Die ➡ Died
- Create ➡ Created

Rule 2:

Regular verbs ending in a vowel + “y” take /-ed/ in the simple past and past participle.

EXAMPLES :

- Play ➡ Played
- Destroy ➡ Destroyed

Rule 3:

Regular verbs ending in a consonant + “y” take /-ied/ in the simple past and past participle (the “y” becomes an “i” followed by /-ed/)

EXAMPLES :

- Marry ➡ Married
- Study ➡ Studied

Rule 4:

All the other regular verbs take /-ed/ in the simple past and past participle.

EXAMPLES :

- Visit ➡ Visited
- Finish ➡ Finished

Special cases of the “-ed” form:

We follow these rules when there is a consonant after a vowel (*stop; ban; open; offer...*)

Rule 1:

If there is a consonant after a stressed vowel at the end of the word, we double the consonant.

EXAMPLES :

- Stop → Stoppped
- Ban → Bannned

Rule 2:

If the vowel is not stressed, we do not double it.

EXAMPLES :

- Open → Opened
- Offer → Offered