

## Forming the past participle

If it's a regular verb, the past participle is the same as the simple past tense. In other words, it is formed like this:

Add "ed" to most verbs:

- jump > jumped
- paint > painted

If a verb of one syllable ends [consonant-vowel-consonant], double the final consonant and add "ed":

- chat > chatted
- stop > stopped

If the final consonant is "w," "x," or "y," don't double it:

- sew > sewed
- play > played
- fix > fixed

If last syllable of a longer verb is stressed and ends [consonant-vowel-consonant], double the last consonant and add "ed":

- incur > incurred
- prefer > preferred

If the first syllable of a longer verb is stressed and the verb ends [consonant-vowel-consonant], just add "ed":

- open > opened
- enter > entered
- swallow > swallowed

If the verb ends "e," just add "d":

- thrive > thrived
- guzzle > guzzled

If the verb ends [consonant + "y"], change the "y" to an "i" and add "ed":

- cry > cried
- fry > fried

If it's an irregular verb, the past participle is formed in all sorts of different ways. You just have to learn them.

Here are some examples:

- arise > arisen
- catch > caught
- choose > chosen
- know > known