

SPELLING RULES

(Suffix -ed / Past Simple)

a. One syllable verbs

One-syllable verbs whose structure, beginning from the end, is consonant + vowel + consonant (the last consonant other than, w, x, y, or h), double the final consonant and the suffix -ed is added. For example:

Bare Infinitive	Past Simple (all persons)
<i>stop</i>	stop + p + ed = <i>stopped</i>
<i>grab</i>	grab + b + ed = <i>grabbed</i>
<i>drop</i>	drop + p + ed = <i>dropped</i>

b. Verbs ending in -e

When a verb ends in **e**, the ending **-d** is added. For example:

Bare Infinitive	Past Simple (all persons)
<i>agree</i>	agree + d = <i>agreed</i>
<i>decide</i>	decide + d = <i>decided</i>
<i>breathe</i>	breathe + d = <i>breathed</i>

c. Verbs ending in -c

When a verb ends in **c**, a **k** is added after the **-c** before the ending **-ed** is added. For example:

Bare Infinitive	Past Simple (all persons)
<i>picnic</i>	picnic + k + ed = <i>picnicked</i>
<i>panic</i>	panic + k + ed = <i>panicked</i>
<i>mimic</i>	mimic + k + ed = <i>mimicked</i>

d. Verbs ending in -y

When a verb ends in a **consonant** + **y**, the **y** is changed to **i**, and the ending **-ed** is added. Let's see some examples:

Bare Infinitive	Past Simple (all persons)
<i>try</i>	tri + ed = <i>tried</i>
<i>study</i>	studi + ed = <i>studied</i>
<i>marry</i>	marri + ed = <i>married</i>
<i>rely</i>	reli + ed = <i>relied</i>

However, when the verb ends in a **vowel + y**, the **y** is **NOT** changed when the ending **-ed** is added. For example:

Bare Infinitive	Past Simple (all persons)
<i>play</i>	play + ed = <i>played</i>
<i>stay</i>	stay + ed = <i>stayed</i>
<i>enjoy</i>	enjoy + ed = <i>enjoyed</i>