

Parts of Speech - Verbs

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Verbs are the most important words in a sentence.

Most verbs are action words.

Task 1: Circle the verbs in the following sentences. They are action verbs.

1. The builder shovelled sand into the cement mixer.
2. Sit down.
3. The painter gave the client a quotation for the job.
4. I work from 8am to 4pm .

Verbs in English have four basic parts:

Base form	-ing form	Past tense	Past participle
work	working	worked	worked
play	playing	played	played
mix	mixing	mixed	mixed

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Spelling Magic!

Forming (writing) the past tense:

For most verbs, just add 'ed'.

plaster → plastered

paint → painted

If a verb only has one syllable and ends [consonant-vowel-consonant], you normally double the final consonant and add 'ed'.

chat → chatted

stop → stopped

If a verb ends [consonant-y], change the 'y' to an 'i' and add 'ed'.

carry → carried

supply → supplied

Task 2: Write the past tense of each verb.

1. brush →

3. spray →

2. fix →

4. copy →

Extension work

Past participles are formed from verbs but can also be used as adjectives or describing words.

Task 3: In each sentence circle the past participle that is used as an adjective.

1. I ordered a mixed grill and was served two sausages, a burger and a small steak with chips.
2. The painted window sill dried quickly.
3. Even though the well mixed paint went on with a roller, it took ages to dry.

Knowledge Check

Name:

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I can identify verbs easily	Yes	No	Sometimes
Verbs are doing words	Agree	Disagree	I'm not sure
Verbs are action words	Agree	Disagree	I'm not sure
Verbs can be used in the past, present and future tense	Agree	Disagree	I'm not sure
Past Participle verb forms can also be used as adjectives	Agree	Disagree	I'm not sure
If a verb ends with an 'e', just add 'd' to form it in the past tense	Agree	Disagree	I'm not sure
If the verb ends [consonant + 'y'], change the 'y' to an 'i' and add 'ed'	Agree	Disagree	I'm not sure
Form the past tense of these verbs:	cry		
	jump		
	worry		
	paste		
	plan		