



Phonics 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.

With many 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**.

Activity

Read the verbs below. Can you think what the past tense verb would be?

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|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| jump | fly | spy | sing | bite |
| squirt | wrap | talk | bake | build |
| eat | fight | hear | make | look |
| take | tell | walk | say | add |
| test | bounce | freeze | sleep | think |

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