**Past Tense** [**过去式**](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=Past+tense)[**guò​qu​shì​**](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=Past+tense)

English has three kinds of past tense verbs:

1. “Regular” verbs, which means EASY ones where you add “ed” or just “d” to the end of the verb, and sometimes you take off the last letter “y” and add “ied.”

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| **REGULAR (Easy!) Verbs** | | |
| **Add “ed”** | **Add “d”** | **Add “ied”** |
| Walk 🡪 walked | Hope 🡪 hoped [希望](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=hope) [xī​wàng​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=hope) | Study🡪 studied |
| Talk 🡪 talked | Race 🡪raced [竞赛](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=race) [jìng​sài​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=race) | Worry🡪 worried  [担心](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=worry) [dān​xīn​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=worry) |
| Cook 🡪 cooked | Live 🡪 Lived [处](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=live), [活](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=live) | Hurry 🡪hurried  [快点](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=hurry) |
| Burn 🡪 burned [烧](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=burn) [shāo​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=burn) | Glue 🡪 Glued [粘](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=glue), [黏贴](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=glue) | Carry🡪carried [带](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=carry) [dài​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=carry) |
| Watch 🡪 watched | Type 🡪typed [打字](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=type) [dǎ​zì​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=type) | Try 🡪 tried [尝试](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=try) |
| Yell 🡪 yelled [高喊](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=yell) [gāo​hǎn​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=yell) | Meditate 🡪 meditated  [默想](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=Meditate) [mò​xiǎng​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=Meditate) | Fry 🡪 fried |
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1. Irregular verbs – don’t follow simple rules, you just have to memorize them!

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| Think -> thought | Write 🡪 wrote |
| Bring 🡪 brought [带](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=bring) [dài​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=bring) | Read 🡪 read (past tense sounds like “red”) |
| Sit 🡪 sat | Drink 🡪 drank |
| Fly 🡪 flew | Swim 🡪 swam |
| Speak 🡪 spoke | Run 🡪 ran |
| Eat 🡪 ate | Break 🡪 broke [弄坏](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=break) [nòng​huài​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=break) |
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1. Really, really easy verbs that are the same in the present and past tense: Hit 🡪 hit

Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Last week/month/year I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.