Adding -ed: answers and notes

What your child practised: the four Year 2 spelling rules for adding -ed to make the past tense.

Page 1 · Warm up

looked · helped · kicked

Page 2 · Try it together

1. **jumped, kicked, looked**
2. **smiled, danced, waved**
3. **clapped, stopped, rubbed**
4. **cried, hurried, carried**

Page 2 · A. Ring the spelling

skipped · baked · cried · jumped
played · chatted · fried · joked

Page 3 · B. Add -ed

walked · liked · dropped · tried
shouted · patted · tidied · closed

Page 3 · C. Finish the sentence

Sam **hugged** his gran.
The frog **hopped** into the pond.
Mia **baked** a cake for Dad.
The baby **cried** in the night.

Page 3 · D. A sentence

Answers will vary. Check the spelling matches B.

Challenge: No. Stop has a short vowel (o) then one consonant (p), so double the p: **stopped** (rule 3). "Stoped" would rhyme with "roped".

Watch out for

- **Writing what they hear:** "jumpt", "playd". Say "it can sound like t or d, but it's always spelt -ed."
- **Changing every y:** play, stay and enjoy keep their y (played) because a vowel comes before it. Only a consonant + y changes: cry, cried.
- **Doubling too often:** shout and look have two vowels, so no doubling. Never double w, x or y (snowed, fixed). For "bakeed", the e is already there: just add d.

Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **Spell it aloud:** say a verb (hop, smile, tidy, pull). Your child says the rule and spells the past tense.
- **Kitchen verbs:** while cooking, name what you did: chopped, poured, whisked, baked. Which one doubled a letter?
- **In the game:** Chapter 3, Tricky Twisters, meets verbs that don't use -ed at all, like went and saw.