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Tricky past verbs

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1 Learn



Some verbs don't use **-ed** at all! They twist into a new word for the past. These are called **irregular verbs**.



go → **went**



see → **saw**



eat → **ate**



run → **ran**

Finish it: Yesterday, I _____ to the park. (go)

1. **Yesterday** is a clue: it happened in the **past**.
2. Try -ed: "I ~~goed~~". That sounds wrong! Go is a twister.
3. Use its past word: **Yesterday, I went to the park.**

Flip's tip: if the -ed word sounds funny, like **goed** or **runned**, it is probably a twister. Say the pairs out loud to learn them: **I go, I went. I see, I saw.**

Warm up: cover the pictures above. Write the past tense.

go → _____ see → _____ eat → _____ run → _____

Grown-ups: children often say "goed" or "runned". That shows they know the -ed rule, which is good! Just say it back the right way ("Oh, you went to the park?") rather than marking it wrong.

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2 Try it together a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Twister pairs

You need: 16 scraps of paper about the same size, and a pencil.

come / came **sit / sat** **swim / swam** **make / made**
have / had **drink / drank** **sing / sang** **take / took**

1. Write each word on its own scrap: 8 now words and their 8 past words.
2. Mix them up and lay them all face down.
3. Take turns to turn over two. If they are a pair (now and past), keep them and say a sentence with the past word: **"I swam in the sea."**
4. If they don't match, turn them back. Play until all the pairs are found, then write some pairs below.

Now	Past	Now	Past
swim	swam		

My best past sentence:

_____

Grown-ups: for a quicker game, use 4 pairs. If your child turns over "sit" and "swam", ask "Is swam the past of sit? What is?"

3 Practise

A. Draw a line from each verb to its past tense.

give ●	● said
find ●	● flew
fly ●	● gave
get ●	● got
say ●	● found

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B. Draw a ring round the right past verb.

Yesterday, Leo **runned** / **ran** all the way home.

Mia **saw** / **seed** a fox in the garden.

Last night, we **eated** / **ate** soup for tea.

The bird **flew** / **flied** up into the tree.

C. Write the past tense of the verb to finish the sentence.

Yesterday, I _____ my coat to school. (take)

Ava _____ on the bench. (sit)

We _____ a song for Gran. (sing)

Sam _____ a den in the garden. (make)

D. Write a sentence about a place you **went** to.

Challenge

Leo says: **"I goed to the shop."** Is that right? Why do you think Leo said **goed**?

I can...

Tick when you can.

- [ ] tell that some verbs don't use -ed in the past
- [ ] say twister pairs like go and went, see and saw
- [ ] use the right past verb in a sentence