

Verbs Review

Present Tense:

1. If the noun in the subject is **PLURAL** do not add any ending to the words.

Ex. They *run* to the store. (Run has no ending)

2. If the noun in the subject is **SINGULAR** and the verb ends with *s*, *sh*, *ch*, or *x* then you add **es** to the end of the verb.

Ex. Kelly *pushes* the car. (push is the verb of the sentence. We add **es** because it ends with the letters sh)

3. If the noun in the subject is **SINGULAR** and the verb ends with a *consonant and a y* then you **change the y to an i and add es**.

Ex. He *tries* the ice cream. (try is the verb of the sentence. We **change the y to an i and add es**.)

Ex. He *buys* the book. (buy is the verb of the sentence. We only add an s because it does not end with a consonant and a y.)

4. If the noun in the subject is **SINGULAR** and the verb does not end with *y*, *s*, *sh*, *ch*, or *x* then you add **s** to the end of the verb. You will do this for most verbs.

Ex. Al *picks* a question card. (pick is the verb of the sentence. You add an **s** to the end of the verb since it does not end with *y*, *s*, *sh*, *ch*, or *x*)

Past Tense:

1. If the present tense form of the word ends with an *e* then either drop the **e** and add **ed** **OR** you can drop nothing and add a **d**. It does the same thing.

Ex. I *moved* the bike. (move is the present tense form of the verb. It ends with an *e* so we add a **d** to the end to make it past tense.)

2. If the verb ends with a *consonant and a y* then you **change the y to an i and add ed**.

Ex. He *tried* the ice cream. (try is the present tense verb of the sentence. We **change the y to an i and add ed** to make the past tense.)

3. If the verb has one syllable and ends with *one vowel followed by a consonant* then you **double the last consonant and add ed**. (**NOTE:** This does not work if the consonant at the end is a *x*.)

Ex. They *stopped* the car. (stop is the present tense verb of the sentence. Since it ends with a vowel and a consonant we double the last consonant and add ed.)

4. If the present tense form of the verb does not end with a *e, y, or a vowel followed by a double consonant* you just add **ed** to make the verb past tense. You will do this with most verbs.

Ex. Sally *walked* to the car. (walk is the present tense form of the verb. You add **ed** to the verb to make it past tense because it does not end with *e, y, or a vowel followed by a double consonant*)