

Lesson 8 Tenses and Verbs - I

The past simple is the most common way of talking about past actions that have finished. It is often used with past time words like yesterday, two years ago, last week etc.

A past event could be one thing that happened in the past, or a repeated thing.

I stopped near the school.

We carried the heavy bag.

We played cricket every day.

Regular past simple forms are made by adding –'ed 'to the verb.

For example: start - started, kill - killed, jump - jumped

That is easy to remember. But there are some spelling rules. If a verb ends in '-e', we simply add '-d'.

For example: agree - agreed, like - liked, escape - escaped

If a verb ends in a consonant, but there is a vowel before the consonant, we double the letter before adding ed.

For example: stop - stopped, plan - planned

If a verb ends in a consonant and '-y', we remove 'y' and add '-ied'.

For example: try - tried, carry - carried

But if the word ends in a vowel and '-y', we just add '-ed'.

For example: play - played, enjoy - enjoyed