

A verb in the past tense describes an action that has already happened.



Words of the Past

Identifying and writing the correct verb tense

To read the words of the past on the Sphinx, you must follow these steps: If a verb ends in **e**, cross out the **e** and write the verb in the past tense. If the verb ends in **y**, cross out the **y** and write the verb in the past tense. If the verb ends in a consonant, add **ed**.

Example:

1. add added
2. race _____
3. climb _____
4. blame _____
5. tease _____
6. walk _____
7. wish _____
8. study _____
9. count _____
10. carry _____
11. thank _____
12. supply _____

eg Says:



Have your child cut three large diamond shapes from tagboard to make kites. On the first kite, write *Add ed*. On the second one, write *Drop the final e and add ed*. On the third kite, write *Drop the final y and add ied*. Tape a two-foot length of yarn to the back of each kite. Cut paper bows and on each one write a verb such as *play*, *taste*, or *hurry*. Then tell your child to decide which rule fits each word and tape the bows to the tails of the corresponding kites. Afterwards, tape a loop of yarn to the top of each kite. Let your child hold the kites by the loops and run outside with the kites flying behind her.