

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 Sami



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 ed**. 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*, *tease*, or *run*. 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.