Most verbs: add **-ed**. *work, worked*

Ends in **e**: add **-d**. *live, lived*

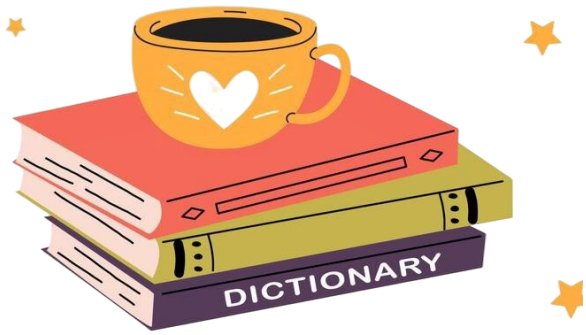
Consonant + **y**: **-ied**. *study, studied*

Short verb, one vowel: double the last letter. *stop, stopped*

Negative and question use the base form: *I didn't work. Did you work?*

Exercise 1
Write the past simple.

1. work **worked**
2. live **lived**
3. study **studied**
4. stop **stopped**
5. watch **watched**
6. arrive **arrived**
7. carry **carried**
8. plan **planned**
9. cook **cooked**
10. chat **chatted**



Exercise 2
Put the verbs in the right group.

shopped, tried, played, dropped, closed, hoped, worried, cleaned

just -ed	just -d	-y becomes -ied	double letter
played	**hoped**	**tried**	**shopped**
cleaned	**closed**	**worried**	**dropped**



Exercise 3
Complete the sentences.

1. We **watched** a film last night. (watch)
2. She **studied** French at university. (study)
3. The train **stopped** at every station. (stop)
4. They **arrived** at eight o'clock. (arrive)
5. I **cooked** dinner for six people. (cook)
6. He **carried** the boxes upstairs. (carry)

Exercise 4
Make the sentences negative.

1. I worked on Saturday.
   I didn't work on Saturday.
2. She lived in Rome.
   She didn't live in Rome.
3. They watched the match.
   They didn't watch the match.
4. He studied all evening.
   He didn't study all evening.
5. We walked to work.
   We didn't walk to work.

Exercise 5
Write the questions.

1. you / work / yesterday?
   Did you work yesterday?
2. what time / she / arrive?
   What time did she arrive?
3. they / enjoy / the concert?
   Did they enjoy the concert?
4. where / you / live / as a child?
   Where did you live as a child?

Exercise 6
Complete the story.

arrive, walk, rain, wait, miss, laugh, decide, phone

On Monday I **missed** the bus. I **waited** twenty minutes and then I **decided** to walk. Of course it **rained**. I **walked** for half an hour and **arrived** at the office completely wet. My boss **phoned** to say she was working from home. Everybody **laughed**.

Exercise 7
Find the mistake in each sentence and write it correctly.

1. I didn't worked yesterday.
   I didn't work yesterday.
2. She studyed all night.
   She studied all night.
3. Did you watched the film?
   Did you watch the film?
4. We stoped at the traffic lights.
   We stopped at the traffic lights.
5. He arrive late this morning.
   He arrived late this morning.

Exercise 8
That's not what happened. Tell your partner five things you did last Saturday. True or invented, they will not know.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Now your partner tells your Saturday back to you, but **changes three verbs**. Catch all three and correct them out loud:

No, I didn't clean the kitchen. I cooked lunch.

Score. A point for every change you catch. A point to your partner for every one you miss. Then swap.



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Teacher's notes: Exercise 8

You say. "Tell your partner about Saturday. Then they tell it back, changing three things. Catch all three."

They do. Five sentences about last Saturday, true or invented. The partner listens without writing, then retells it with three changes planted on purpose.

Then. The speaker corrects each one aloud: *No, I didn't watch a film, I watched the football.* Negative then positive is the target, and it is hard to produce any other way.

Time. 4 minutes each way.

Tip. Tell them to change **verbs**, not names or times, or the correction comes out as *no, it was Sunday* and no past simple gets practiced at all.

One to one. Go second, and plant one obvious change, one small one, and one almost right. The last is what makes them listen.