

past tense

teaching notes



NessyRule

When writing about **something that is happening now** we call this the '**present tense**'.

When writing about things that have already happened it is called the '**past tense**'.

We usually add '-ed' to the end of verbs to put them in the past tense, e.g. 'look at that' becomes 'I **looked** at that yesterday'.

regular verb list	
look	looked
watch	watched
work	worked
move	moved
call	called
walk	walked
listen	listened
enter	entered
return	returned
jump	jumped

Not all verbs behave this way. Sometimes the verb changes, e.g. 'speak' does not become 'speaked' but 'spoke'. These are called 'irregular' verbs (doing words).

irregular verb list	
think	thought
say	said
give	gave
go	went
eat	ate
leave	left
meet	met
buy	bought
drink	drank
sleep	slept
see	saw



NessyTip

When adding the words 'I have...' before them, some irregular verbs can **change again!**

I see	I saw	I have seen
I speak	I spoke	I have spoken
I go	I went	I have gone
I give	I gave	I have given
I drink	I drank	I have drunk

Lesson Plan

	activity	time
1	Explain the difference between the present and the past tense.	5 minutes
2	Worksheet: circle the verb 1.	5 minutes
3	Card game: Choose or Lose, self-correct.	8 minutes
4	Worksheet: fill in the missing verb.	5 minutes

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word list

Present tense	Past tense	Past participle
Today I ...	Yesterday I ...	Today I have ...
am	was	been
beat	beat	beaten
become	became	become
begin	began	begun
bite	bit	bitten
bleed	bled	bled
blow	blew	blown
break	broke	broken
bring	brought	brought
build	built	built
buy	bought	bought
catch	caught	caught
choose	chose	chosen
come	came	come
do	did	done
drink	drank	drunk
deal	dealt	dealt
drive	drove	driven
eat	ate	eaten
fall	fell	fallen
feel	felt	felt
fight	fought	fought
fly	flew	flown
forget	forgot	forgotten
freeze	froze	frozen
give	gave	given
go	went	gone
grow	grew	grown
hang (thing)	hung	hung
hang (person)	hanged	hanged
hide	hid	hidden
hurt	hurt	hurt
hold	held	held