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Irregular Verbs

Many verbs end in *ed* when you put them into the past tense.

Examples: The driver *honked* the horn.

We *walked* six miles to the park.

For some verbs, you do not simply add an *ed* to put them into past tense. They are called irregular verbs.

Examples:

Present tense	Past tense
spy	spied
hide	hid
bring	brought

Part I: Write the following irregular verbs in the past tense.

- fly _____
- swim _____
- cry _____
- drink _____
- go _____
- speed _____
- run _____
- sing _____
- draw _____
- eat _____
- buy _____
- speak _____
- ride _____
- wear _____
- grow _____
- freeze _____
- make _____
- sleep _____
- bite _____
- send _____

Sometimes, other words in the sentence can give clues as to which tense the verb should be in. Words such as *yesterday*, *last month*, and *previously* show that the action occurred in the past. Words such as *tomorrow*, *in the future*, and *next week* show that the action will occur in the future. Likewise, verbs in the same sentence often share the same tense.

Part II: Add a verb to each of the sentences below. Choose from the words in parentheses. Make sure your choice is in the appropriate tense.

- Last week, we _____ to the opera.
- Today, I _____ exhausted, and I can't stop yawning.
- In 2000, my family _____ a huge party.
- Shirley _____ when I say, "You know?"
- We ran quickly; our friend _____ very slowly.
- Jesse James _____ in her farmhouse in the late 1800s.
- Tomorrow, we _____ to the movies.
- Yesterday, I _____ the school's record for long jump.
- In the year 3000, people _____ on Mars.
- Yesterday, I _____ twenty dollars.

Quotation Marks

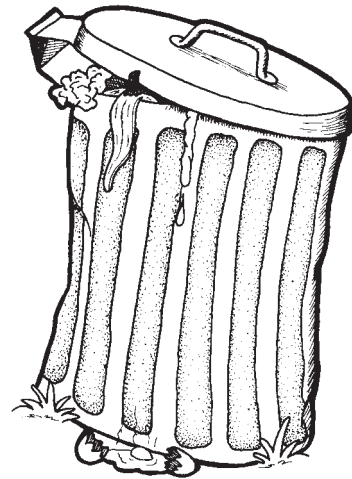
Quotation marks should be used any time someone speaks. One set of quotation marks should be placed at the beginning of the quote and one set at the end.

Examples: "Where did you come from?" she asked the ghost.

Peter made a cake, then shouted, "Happy Birthday!" to his father.

Study the sentences below. Add quotation marks where needed.

1. Are you going to take the trash out? Mom asked David.
2. David yawned. "I'm busy playing video games, he said.
3. It won't take itself out, Mom reminded him.
4. I'll do it!" David exclaimed.
5. He'll forget until tonight, Mom muttered to the dog.
6. Woof! said the dog, sniffing the trash can.
7. "David! yelled Mom. "Take out this trash now!
8. Okay, okay," said David. I'm turning off the game.
9. He took out the trash. It stinks, he said.
10. "I'm finished, he told Mother. "Can I have my allowance?



Now, write down a conversation between Jason and Maribelle, who are discussing the big skateboarding competition scheduled for this Saturday. Use at least 10 sentences. Don't forget the quotation marks.
