



Creating the Past Simple Tense Interactive Worksheet

Answers

In order to complete this worksheet, you should watch the grammar video about creating the past simple tense in English. You should complete this worksheet at the same time as watching the video.

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EXERCISE A: What is the general rule for forming the past simple of regular verbs?
Fill in the gaps to complete the sentences below.

The general rule for forming the past simple for regular verbs is to add the letters **ED** to the end of the infinitive verb. For example, the verb *to talk* becomes **talked** in the past simple and the verb *to look* becomes **looked** in the past simple.

EXERCISE B: Fill in the table below to summarise the patterns and exceptions to the CVC rule. In column 1, you can see the pattern. In column 2, you should write an explanation describing what happens with this pattern and in column 3, you should write an example verb to demonstrate this pattern.

Pattern	Explanation	Example Verb
CVC General Rule	Double final consonant then add ED	Stop → stopped
Ending in W	Only add ED	Follow → followed
Ending in X	Only add ED	Relax → relaxed

Stress is on First Syllable	Only add ED	Visit → visited
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EXERCISE C: What is the E rule for forming the past simple? Fill in the gaps to complete the sentences below.

If a verb ends in the letter E, we must add **D** to form the past simple. For example, the verb to *dance* becomes **danced** in the past simple.

EXERCISE D: What is the C rule for forming the past simple? Fill in the gaps to complete the sentences below.

If a verb ends in the letter C, we must add **K** and **ED**. For example, the verb to *picnic* becomes **picnicked** in the past simple.

EXERCISE E: What is the Y rule for forming the past simple? Fill in the gaps to complete the sentences below.

If a verb ends in the letters consonant plus Y, we form the past simple by **eliminating the Y and then adding IED**. For example, the verb to *study* becomes **studied** in the past simple.

If a verb ends in the letters vowel plus Y, we form the past simple by **simply adding ED to the end of the infinitive verb**. For example, the verb to *play* becomes **played** in the past simple.

EXERCISE F: Fill in the gaps below. Write these irregular verbs in their correct past simple forms.

1. Know → **knew**
2. See → **saw**
3. Drink → **drank**