

We will use regular verbs in the past tense.

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A verb in the **past tense** shows an action has already happened.

A **regular verb** in the past tense ends in **-ed**.

► *Clue words help you know when to use the past tense verb in a sentence.*

CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

Tense Change	Regular Verb	Past Tense Form	Example
Add <b>-ed</b>	jump	jump <u>ed</u>	Jill <b>jumped</b> in the pool <u>last night</u> .
If ends in e, add <b>-d</b>	skate	skate <u>d</u>	Jason <b>skated</b> to the park <u>yesterday</u> .

## Past tense Clue Words

before, yesterday, last, earlier, in the past

Check for Understanding

Which underlined verb is in the past tense? How do you know?

A

Last night we baked cookies.

B

We bake cookies almost every day during the holidays.

How do you change a regular verb to the past tense?

A regular verb is changed to the past tense by \_\_\_\_\_.