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## Worksheet: Past Tense Conjugations In English

For each verb in the list, think about the **present tense** form and how it changes to make the **past tense** form.

## Step 1. Write the past tense form next to each word.

Examples:

To act → lacted

To buy → I bought

To run → I ran

to act to appear to apply to be to begin to buy to call to catch to clean to climb to close to compete to cook to curl to cut to dance to decide to die to dive to do to drink to drive

to fall to finish to fold to forget to get to give to go

to grow to hear to hang to laugh to lay

> to lie to listen to live

to make to open

to forgive

to learn

to leave

to lose

to paint

to pass

to pay to play

to pop to put

to read to rest

to return to ride to rise

to run to say

to search to see to sell

to send to sing

to sit to sleep

to speak to spend

to spill

to split to start

to sweep

to swim

to take to talk to teach

to tell to text to think to throw

to type to understand

to use to wake to walk to want to wash

to wear to wear to win

to wish to work to write

## Step 2. Then, assign a group number to each word. Every time you find a new pattern, make a new group.

GROUPS: Verbs that conjugate like ACT are Group 1, verbs that conjugate like BUY are Group 2, etc. List the rule for each group below with an example verb. You decide how many groups there are.

- Rule: Add -ed to the infinitive (Example: act → acted)
- Rule: Add -ought to the stem (Example:  $\underline{b}uy \rightarrow b\underline{ought}$ )
- 3.

to eat

to fail

- 4. 5.
- 6.
- 7.