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Worksheet: Past Tense Conjugations In English

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

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

Examples: To act \rightarrow I act <u>ed</u>

To buy \rightarrow I b<u>ought</u> To run \rightarrow I r**a**n

to act to fall to appear to finish to apply to fold to be to forget to begin to forgive to buy to get to call to give to catch to go to clean to grow to climb to hear to close to hang to compete to laugh to cook to lay to curl to learn to cut to leave to dance to lie to decide to listen to die to live to dive to lose to do to make to drink to open to drive to paint to eat to pass to fail

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 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 <u>new pattern</u>, make a <u>new group</u>.

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.

- 1. Rule: Add -ed to the infinitive (Example: act →acted)
- 2. Rule: Add **-ought** to the stem (Example: **b**uy → b**ought**)
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.