

Past Simple

How to form the Past Simple tense

The Past Simple tense does not change for the third person singular:

I lived
You lived
He / she **lived**
We lived
They lived

For many verbs, you can add -d or -ed to the infinitive to make the past tense.

live – lived
work – worked
receive – received

Other spelling notes

When the verb ends with a consonant + -y, change the -y to -i then add -ed:

hurry – hurried
carry – carried
study – studied

When the verb has a short vowel and consonant, double the consonant:

stop – stopped
ship – shipped
admit – admitted
hug – hugged

In British English, when the verb ends with a vowel and a single "l", double the "l":

travel – travelled
label – labelled
cancel – cancelled