

Irregular Past Tense Verbs

Present	Past
bring	brought
buy	bought
come	came
do	did
drink	drank
drive	drove
feel	felt
find	found
forget	forgot
get	got
give	gave
go	went
grow	grew
have	had
hear	heard
know	knew
make	made
meet	met
read	read
ride	rode
run	ran
say	said
see	saw
sleep	slept
speak	spoke
take	took
tell	told
think	thought
write	wrote

Prepositions

about	near
above	next to
across	
after	of
against	off
ahead of	on
along	onto
among	on top of
around	out of
at	outside
	over
before	
behind	through
below	to
beneath	toward
beside	
between	under
by	underneath
	up
down	upon
for	with
from	within
	without
in	
in back of	
in front of	
in place of	
inside	
into	

Collective Nouns

People	Animals	Things
audience of listeners	army of ants	bouquet of flowers
band of musicians	colony of bats	bunch of grapes
class of students	flock of birds	collection of stamps
crew of sailors	herd of cattle	deck of cards
crowd of people	litter of kittens	fleet of ships
panel of experts	pack of dogs	flight of stairs
platoon of soldiers	pod of whales	galaxy of stars
staff of employees	pride of lions	pack of gum
team of players	school of fish	pair of shoes
troop of scouts	swarm of bees	stack of wood
troupe of artists	team of horses	string of pearls

Plural Nouns

For most nouns, add an *s* to form a plural:

shark	sharks
apple	apples
dog	dogs

For nouns that end in *ch*, *sh*, *s*, *x*, or *z*, add *-es*:

lunch	lunches
flash	flashes
mess	messes
fox	foxes
quiz	quizzes

For nouns that end in *y* with a consonant before the *y*, change the *y* to *i* and add *-es*:

baby	babies
candy	candies
puppy	puppies

For nouns that end in *y* with a vowel before the *y*, just add *s*:

toy	toys
monkey	monkeys

For nouns that end in *f* or *fe*, drop the *f* or *fe* and add *-ves*:

wolf	wolves
wife	wives
loaf	loaves

For some nouns, don't add or change anything to form a plural!

fish	fish
deer	deer
moose	moose
sheep	sheep

Conjunctions

FANBOYS

For

And

Nor

But

Or

Yet

So

COMPOUND SENTENCE:

a complete sentence + a FANBOYS word + a complete sentence

Linking Words and Phrases

Purpose	Examples
Add information	also and furthermore in addition not only . . . but also
Give examples	another first for example for instance specifically
Show a contrast (difference)	but however instead on the other hand otherwise unlike
Show a similarity	in the same way like likewise similarly
Show a result	as a consequence as a result so therefore
Show time or sequence	finally first, second, third, etc. in conclusion meanwhile
Show a condition	either . . . or if . . . then neither . . . nor or whether . . . or
Explain or emphasize	actually in fact in other ways

Root Words, Prefixes, and Suffixes

ROOT WORDS

Root Word	Meaning	Example
aqua	water	aquarium, aquatic
aud	to hear	audience, audition, auditorium
auto	self	autobiography, automobile
bio	life	biology, biography
cent	one hundred	century, percent
eco	home, environment	ecological, economic
graph	writing	graphic, telegraph, biography
logy	study of	biology, psychology
meter	measure	thermometer, centimeter
micro	small	microscope, microbe
multi	many	multimedia, multiple
phone	sound	microphone, telephone
photo	light	photography
scrib/scribe	to write	scribble, prescribe
sect/sec	to cut	section
struct	to build	destruction, restructure
terra	Earth, land	terrarium, territory, terrain
therm	heat	thermal, thermometer
vid/vis	to see	video, televise

PREFIXES

Prefix	Meaning	Example
anti-	against	antiwar
de-	opposite	debug
dis-	not; opposite of	dislike
fore-	before; front of	foreshadow, forearm
in-, im-, il-	not	indirect, impossible, illiterate
inter-	between; among	interrupt

Prefixes, *continued*

Suffix	Meaning	Example
mid-	middle	midfield
mis-	wrongly	misspell
non-	not	nonstop, nonfat
over-	over; too much	overeat
pre-	before	preview
re-	again	rewrite
semi-	half; partly; not fully	semifinal
sub-	under	subway
super-	above; beyond	superhuman
trans-	across	transmit
un-	not; opposite of	unusual
under-	below; too little	underestimate

SUFFIXES

Suffix	Meaning	Example
-able, -ible	is; can be	affordable, sensible
-al, -ial	having characteristics of	universal, facial
-en	made of	golden
-er, -or	someone who; person connected with	teacher, professor
-ful	full of	helpful
-ic	have characteristics of	poetic, acrobatic
-ion, -tion, -ation	act, process	motion, relation, edition
-ity, -ty	state of	activity, society
-less	without	hopeless
-ly	how something is	lovely
-ment	state of being	contentment
-ness	state of; condition of	openness
-ous, -eous, -ious	having qualities of	courageous, gracious
s, -es	more than one	toys, wishes
y	characterized by; full of	moody

Text Features

Text Feature	Definition
Bold Text	Text that is heavier or darker than the rest of the text
Bullets	A symbol used to introduce items in a list
Chart or Table	Visual representation of data
Caption	Words beside or beneath photos, illustrations, and other graphics
Cross Section	A diagram that shows something that is “cut in half”
Flow Chart	A diagram that shows a process with the steps in boxes connected by arrows or lines
Graph	A visual representation of how two sets of data are related to each other
Heading	A line of text that tells the reader what is coming next
Illustration	A visual representation that shows what something looks like—an illustration may be of a real thing or an imaginary thing
Italic Text	Words that are slanted to the right in the text (or underlined if you are not using a computer)
Label	Words or phrases that name something in a photograph, illustration, or diagram
Map	Information shown in a visual way to tell you where things are located or to give directions
Photograph	A picture of an actual object, place, or person that shows what something looks (or looked) like
Subheads	Secondary headings under main ideas
Table of Contents	A list that shows chapters, titles, and text features, such as an index and glossary, and gives the page numbers where each begins
Text Box/Sidebar	Boxes of information to the side or set off from the main text
Timeline	A visual representation of events in history shown in chronological order

Name: _____

Spelling Reference: Portable Word Wall

A	D	H	K	O	S	U
a	dad	had	kids	of	said	under
about	day	happy	kitten	off	same	up
add	dear	has	know	old	saw	us
after	did	have		on	say	use
again	do	he	L	once	school	
all	does	hear	let	one	see	V
an	down	help	like	only	set	very
and		her	little	or	she	
any	E	here	live	other	should	W
are	each	him	long	our	so	want
as	even	his	look	own	some	was
at		home	looked		story	we
	F	how	love	P		were
B	family	hug		page	T	what
back	father		M	paper	take	when
be	find	I	mad	place	tell	where
because	first	l	made	play	that	which
been	for	if	make	put	the	who
big	friend	l'll	man	putting	their	why
boy	from	l'm	many		them	would
but		in	me	Q	then	will
by	G	into	men	quiet	there	with
	gave	is	mother		these	
C	get	it	much	R	they	X
called	girl	its	must	ran	they're	
came	give	it's	my	read	this	Y
can	go			ready	to	yes
city	going	J	N	really	today	you
come	good	jump	name	run		your
could	got	just	new			you're
			no			
			not			Z
			now			

Copy Editor's Symbols

	Take something out.	I'm a g ood writer.
	Put something in.	I'm a ^{good} writer.
	Add a space.	I'm a good writer.
	Add a period.	I'm a good writer .
	Make a lowercase letter capital.	<u>i</u> 'm a good writer.
	Make a capital letter lowercase.	I'm a G ood writer.
	Note a spelling error.	I'm a good <u>writer</u> .