

# Verbs

Look up the word **pour**.

The definition tells you that this word is a verb, and it gives three other forms of the word, **pours**, **pouring**, and **poured**, to show you how the verb is used in different sentences.

*When it rains, water **pours** through the hole in the roof.*

*Dad **poured** me a glass of milk.*

Some words, like **pour**, just add **s**, or **ing**, or **ed**. Other words change their spelling slightly.

**a** Look up the words **come**, **take**, **heave**, **bite**, **ride**. What happens to those words when you add **-ing**?

**b** Look up the words **hit**, **get**, **run**, **swim**, **stop**, and **dig**. What happens to these words when you add **-ing**?

**c** Look up the verb **faint**. What is the third form of the word, after **faints** and **fainting**?

This third form of the verb is the one we use to show that something has happened already, and is not still going on. This is called the past tense of the verb.

*Mr Jones fainted when he won the National Lottery.*

Most verbs just add **-ed** to show the past tense, but some are different.

**d** Look up the words **shine**, **run**, **win**, **burst**, **buy**, **bring**, **cling**, and **meet**. What is the past tense of each of these verbs?

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On a separate sheet of paper, write a sentence to show how you could use each one.