

# Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #37

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## **FOCUS** Past Tense Verbs

The **past verb tense** is a physical or mental action or a state of being that took place at a specific time. For the past verb tense, add an “\_ed” onto the base form of regular verbs.

**Examples:** Ismelda *wasted* a lot of my time yesterday.

## **CONNECT TO WRITING**

Usually use the past verb tense when the words *before* or *after* appear in a sentence.

**Example:** She *attended* St. John’s Academy *after* third grade.

Another way to state the past tense is to place *did* before the base form of the word.

**Example:** work–did work

About 50 of the most common verbs have irregular past tenses, including these: do–did, go–went, have–had, see–saw, run–ran, and be–was, were

## **PRACTICE**

Re-write these sentences in the spaces provided, changing each verb to the past tense.

1. Penny helps at the senior center after school.

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2. Cowboys rope and brand their cattle.

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3. That radio station will play all of my favorite songs.

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4. Tamesia touches her left cheek every time she raises her hand in class.

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## **WRITE**

Compose your own sentence with two past tense verbs.

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## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet Answers**

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #31 Practice Answers**

1. closer 2. harder 3. more 4. worse 5. happier

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #32 Practice Answers**

1. quickest 2. more 3. biggest 4. best

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #33 Practice Answers**

1. more (less) difficult 2. more outstanding 3. more (less) incredible  
4. more ridiculous 5. more (less) suspiciously 6. more (less) suspected 7. more (less) nervously

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #34 Practice Answers**

1. most considerate 2. least specifically 3. most carefully 4. most understood  
5. most simply 6. least frequently

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #35 Practice Answers**

was LV; had HV told; were HV going; did HV not turn LV; to be LV; would HV not have HV  
lied; felt LV; had HV; would HV be LV; seems LV; should HV find

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #36 Practice Answers**

1. permission 2. possibility 3. requirement 4. need 5. expectation 6. ability  
7. advice

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #37 Practice Answers**

1. Penny helped at the senior center after school. 2. Cowboys roped and branded their cattle.  
3. That radio station played all of my favorite songs. 4. Tamesia touched her left cheek every  
time she raised her hand in class.

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #38 Practice Answers**

1. Larry was enjoying the beautiful sunsets at the beach. 2. They were expecting a lot of money  
for their used car. 3. Her friends were sleeping in the living room when the fire alarm sounded.  
4. Rosie was going to the movies.