

**Simple Past Tense Verbs
(Regular and Irregular)
from The Legend of the Indian
Paintbrush**

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Simple Past Tense Regular Verbs from *The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush*

Regular verbs for the simple past tense (yesterday or any time before now) are formed by adding “ed” to the end of the infinitive. For example, “paint” becomes “painted”, “crush” becomes “crushed”, and “call” becomes “called”. If a verb ends in a “y”, the “y” is changed to “i” and then the “ed” is added, see “carried” below.

The “ed” on the end of the verbs can be pronounced 3 ways: “ěd”, “t”, or “d”.

So, “painted” is pronounced “pānt’ – ěd”, “crushed” is pronounced “crūsht”, and “called” is pronounced “cöld”.

Below are the regular verbs from the “Paintbrush” book.

Present tense ends in “t” or “d” sound:

“ed” -> “ěd”

painted -> pānt’- ěd

created -> crē -ā’-těd

Present tense ends in “ch”, “sh”, “s”, or “k” sound:

“ed” -> “t”

stretched -> strěcht

crushed -> crūsht

finished -> fīn’-īsht

looked -> lookt with short oo
(like book)

placed -> plāst

danced -> dānst

All other regular, present tense verbs:

“ed -> “d”

longed -> lōngd

remembered -> rē-měm’-bərd

pulled -> poold, short oo like book

gathered -> gāth’-ərd

cleared -> clērd

unrolled -> ūn-rōld’

filled -> fīld

carried -> cā’-rēd (from *carry*)

worried -> wər’-rēd (from *worry*)

satisfied -> sāt’-īs-fīd (from *satisfy*)

loved -> lūvd

traveled -> trā’-vld

remained -> rē-mānd’

used -> ūzd

gazed -> gāzd

multiplied -> mūl’-tī-plīd

(from *multiply*)

called -> cöld

Simple Past Tense Irregular Verbs from The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush

An irregular past tense form of a verb **does not end in “ed”**. These verbs may end in a number of ways. The verbs with an irregular past from The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush are listed below.

- brought -> brōt, from *to bring*
- began -> bē-gān', from *to begin*
- sank -> sānk, from *to sink*
- grew -> groo, long oo (like pool), from *to grow*
- saw -> sō, from *to see*
- spoke -> spōk, from *to speak*
- went -> wěnt, from *to go*
- made -> mād, from *to make*
- found -> found, from *to find* (ou like ouch)
- understood -> ũn-dār-stood', from *to understand* (short oo like book)
- had -> hād , from *to have*
- was -> wüz, from *to be*
- awoke -> ũ-wōk', from *to awake*
- lay -> lā, from *to lie*
- taken -> tāk'-ěn, from *to take*. (Note: The simple past tense of *to take* is *took*. Here, *taken* is the past participle and is used with *to have*: *I have taken* my children to school.)
- burst -> bərst, from *to burst*
- sang -> sāng, from *to sing*