

22.1 The Principal Parts of Verbs (Regular Verbs)

• Practice 1

Regular Verbs Every verb has four principal parts: the present, the present participle, the past, and the past participle. Regular verbs form the past and past participle by adding *-ed* or *-d* to the present form.

PRINCIPAL PARTS OF REGULAR VERBS			
Present	Present Participle	Past	Past Participle
look	(am) looking	looked	(have) looked
inform	(am) informing	informed	(have) informed
move	(am) moving	moved	(have) moved
use	(am) using	used	(have) used

In sentences the four principal parts are used alone or with helping verbs.

SENTENCES USING THE PRINCIPAL PARTS OF CALL
<i>Present:</i> I call my aunt every week.
<i>Present Participle:</i> I I am calling Dr. Johnson this morning.
<i>Past:</i> She called to invite me to a party.
<i>Past Participle:</i> He has called three different stores.

Exercise 1 Identifying the Principal Parts of Regular Verbs. Underline the verb or verb phrase in each sentence. Then identify the principal part used to form the verb.

EXAMPLE: We watched the tennis match. past

- I write a column for the school newspaper. _____
- Gary waited half an hour for the bus. _____
- Karen is visiting her relatives in Iowa. _____
- Are you listening to the explanation? _____
- The speaker had paused for a moment. _____
- They were wearing their basketball uniforms. _____
- Mr. Kelly coached the football team last season. _____
- Amy had remembered to pack a flashlight. _____
- We are planning a number of surprises. _____
- These musicians usually play some contemporary music. _____

Exercise 2 Using Principal Parts of Regular Verbs. Write the form of the verb in parentheses that correctly completes the sentence.

EXAMPLE: We are (begin) the project tomorrow. beginning

- Kevin has (live) in Kentucky all his life. _____
- The players were (discuss) their strategies. _____
- I still (exercise) every day. _____
- We have (agree) to meet at 7 P.M. _____
- Before he spoke, the entertainer (smile) at the audience. _____
- Frank had already (perform) his act before I arrived. _____
- He is (attempt) to run a four-minute mile. _____
- Yesterday Jennifer (promise) she would join our group. _____
- Kenneth is (practice) a new song on his clarinet. _____
- I am (suggest) that you make several changes. _____