

Regular verbs in English are conjugated using the infinitive for all forms, except that the past and past participle end in "ed", the present participle ends in "ing", and the third person singular ends in "s". There are some variants. Here are some of the most common patterns.

1. Verbs ending in a long vowel or diphthong followed by a consonant, such as *paint*, *claim*, *devour*, or *play*. Or ending in a consonant cluster such as *delight*, or *clamp*.

Add "ed" to the infinitive form to create the past and past participle, add "ing" to create the present participle, and add "s" to create the 3rd person present.

Conjugation for "play":

Present Tense:

Past Tense:

Infinitive – play	I	play	I	played
Present – play	you	play	you	played
Past – played	he, she, it	plays	he, she, it	played
Present Participle – playing	we	play	we	played
Past Participle – played	you	play	you	played
	they	play	they	played

2. Verbs ending in a short vowel followed by a consonant such as *chat*, *chop*, or *compel*

Double the final consonant and add "ed" to the infinitive form to create the past and past participle, Double the final consonant and add "ing" to create the present participle, and add "s" to create the 3rd person present.

Conjugation for "chop":

Present Tense:

Past Tense:

Infinitive – chop	I	chop	I	chopped
Present – chop	you	chop	you	chopped
Past – chopped	he, she, it	chops	he, she, it	chopped
Present Participle – chopping	we	chop	we	chopped
Past Participle – chopped	you	chop	you	chopped
	they	chop	they	chopped

3. Verbs ending in a consonant followed by "e" such as *dance, save, devote, or evolve*.

Add "d" to the infinitive form to create the past and past participle, replace the final "e" with "ing" to create the present participle, and add "s" to create the 3rd person present.

<u>Conjugation for "devote":</u>	<u>Present Tense:</u>		<u>Past Tense:</u>	
Infinitive – devote	I	devote	I	devoted
Present – devote	you	devote	you	devoted
Past – devoted	he, she, it	devotes	he, she, it	devoted
Present Participle – devoting	we	devote	we	devoted
Past Participle – devoted	you	devote	you	devoted
	they	devote	they	devoted

4. Verbs ending in sibilants such as *kiss, bless, box, polish, or preach*:

Add "ed" to the infinitive form to create the past and past participle, add "ing" to create the present participle, and add "es" to create the 3rd person present.

<u>Conjugation for "polish":</u>	<u>Present Tense:</u>		<u>Past Tense:</u>	
Infinitive – polish	I	polish	I	polished
Present – polish	you	polish	you	polished
Past – polished	he, she, it	polishes	he, she, it	polished
Present Participle – polishing	we	polish	we	polished
Past Participle – polished	you	polish	you	polished
	they	polish	they	polished

5. Verbs ending in a consonant followed by "y" such as *comply, copy, or magnify*.

Replace the final "y" of the infinitive with "ied" to create the past and past participle, add "ing" to create the present participle, and replace the final "y" with "ies" to create the 3rd person present.

<u>Conjugation for "copy":</u>	<u>Present Tense:</u>		<u>Past Tense:</u>	
Infinitive – polish	I	devote	I	devoted
Present – polish	you	devote	you	devoted
Past – polished	he, she, it	devotes	he, she, it	devoted
Present Participle – polishing	we	devote	we	devoted
Past Participle – polished	you	devote	you	devoted



