

The **simple past tense** expresses an action that has happened.

Complete each sentence by changing the verb in () to past tense.

- ➔ Jorge (**forget**) _____ **forgot** _____ to clean his room, and now his mother is angry at him.
- ➔ I wish that I (**know**) _____ **knew** _____ what I know now!
- ➔ Josh (**ride**) _____ **rode** _____ his bicycle all the way here last night, in the pouring rain!
- ➔ Julie (**sing**) _____ **sang** _____ in her church choir for three years before she ever did a solo performance.
- ➔ Paul's money was (**spend**) _____ **spent** _____ before he even earned it.
- ➔ To excel in exams, she (**study**) _____ **studied** _____ many hours everyday.
- ➔ Roscoe (**sweep**) _____ **swept** _____ the floor last night at closing time, just like every night.
- ➔ Mr. Feldman told me that he could stay up late because he (**take**) _____ **took** _____ a nap earlier.
- ➔ My mother (**write**) _____ **wrote** _____ me at least two letters a week while I was away at camp.
- ➔ Tommy never (**think**) _____ **thought** _____ about cutting his hair until someone mistook him for a girl.
- ➔ Jason (**eat**) _____ **ate** _____ more than five pieces of pie last night.
- ➔ Mr. Foreman sighed and then (**pay**) _____ **paid** _____ the bill.
- ➔ Once we saw that bear, we (**leave**) _____ **left** _____ the woods in a hurry!
- ➔ Bianca (**lose**) _____ **lost** _____ her keys while she was at the supermarket.
- ➔ It seems like Marisol (**grow**) _____ **grew** _____ at least 6 inches over summer vacation.