

Investigating Suffixes

**Key Vocabulary**

<p><b>suffix</b></p> <p>A group of letters at the end of a word that change its meaning</p>	<p><b>verb</b></p> <p>A doing or a being word</p>
<p><b>past tense</b></p> <p>In the past, happened previously</p>	<p><b>present tense</b></p> <p>In the present, happening now</p>

1. What do these three verbs have in common? (What is the same about them?)

walked

visited

jumped

2. Put these verbs under the correct heading and write them in the past tense. An example has been done for you.

**hope**

walk

try

flip

rate

hop

enjoy

need

cry

tap

fade

rely

**Rules for adding the -ed suffix when changing a verb from the present tense to the past tense:**

<p><b>just add - ed</b></p>	<p><b>remove the 'e' -add ed</b></p>	<p><b>double the consonant - add ed</b></p>	<p><b>remove the 'y', add 'i' and -add ed</b></p>
	<p><b>hope (hoped)</b></p>		

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3. Complete the table.

Verb (present tense)	Verb (past tense)	Spelling Rule
love	loved	Remove the 'e' then add -ed.
tape		
marry		
yell		
wrap		
gaze		
grab		

4. Think of your own words that follow these spelling rules and draw your own table below: