

Unusual Past Tense Words

Add **-ed to some words to make past tense.**

jump + **ed** = **jumped** (Today I **jump**, but yesterday I **jumped**.)

smile – **e** + **ed** = **smiled** (Today I **smile**, but yesterday I **smiled**.)

Other words change their spellings to make past tense.

In some words, vowel letters and sounds change.

freeze **→** **froze** (Today I **freeze**, but yesterday I **froze**.)

tell **→** **told** (Today I **tell**, but yesterday I **told**.)

In other words, the vowel stays the same but changes from long to short.

feed **→** **fed** (Today I **feed** the horses, but yesterday I **fed** the horses.)

sweep **→** **swept** (Today I **sweep**, but yesterday I **swept**.)