**Past Tense**

Use the past tense to describe actions completed or conditions that existed in the past.

There are two kinds of past tense endings.

1. The apostrophe –d ending is a contraction meaning “had” or “would.”
   Ex.
   - Bill thought he had flunked.
   - Bill thought he’d flunked.

2. The added –d ending is added to a verb (or a word that could be a verb) that does not change its basic meaning.
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A –d ending cannot be added to all verbs. Only certain verbs, called regular verbs, take a –d ending.

A –d ending may be added to a regular verb for one of two reasons:

a. It may be used to put the verb into the simple past tense.
   Ex.
   - The doctor removed a particle of glass.
   - The particle of glass has been removed.

b. It may be used to make a modifier (describing word) out of a verb.
   Ex.
   - The removed particle of glass is two centimeters long.