Happy Families (Go Fish)

Present Simple /Past Simple (Regular and Irregular) Verb Pairs

**Purpose:** This game systematically reviews pairs of present simple and past simple verbs (also called “V1” and “V2”) that the Hickey learner can read by Lesson 40c. The game contains both regular past simple verbs, (ending with –ed, the suffix learned in Lessons 40a, b, and c) and irregular past simple verbs (the spelling of the verb changes in the past simple form; it does not end in –ed). The purpose of the game is to practice reading and saying these important verb pairs, a key step in memorizing how to form the past simple from the present simple base verb, while reviewing the different patterns used in forming past simple tense (often taught in fifth grade and reviewed for several years thereafter). The game includes the most common and important verbs whose spellings have been learned through Lesson 40c; in some cases a less common verb or one used in a story fills out a family.

The game contains 13 families of irregular verb pairs and 15 families of regular verb pairs. The irregular verbs are grouped, where possible, according to the spelling pattern of the past simple form. The regular past simple verbs are mostly grouped according to the sound made by the –ed: (id), (d), or (t) and emphasize the end-of-verb sounds that control how the “–ed” is pronounced.

*Special spelling rules for adding –ed:* One family demonstrates the “cvc” single-syllable word rule “double the final consonant (but not x, y, w) before adding ‘-ed’”; several families have “magic-e” endings where the magic e is dropped before adding –ed. (Because as of this lesson we have not learned the “ie” combination, the rule of changing y to i and adding –ed is not included; a family of cards demonstrating this rule can be added in lesson 69, ie.)

The benefit of this game is the oral practice of reading and saying the present simple-past simple pairs aloud, with conscious attention to the pattern in which the past tense form is spelled and pronounced (the “family” name).

**There are too many cards to play with all the families at one time. Choose a maximum of 13 families (or even fewer) for a single game –** either all the regulars, or all the irregulars, or some of each. Rotate the families you play with, to practice all the verbs. You will find the number of the earliest lesson in which a Hickey learner can read **all** the words in the family in the master list. (Of course, some of the pairs can be read in earlier lessons – if you want to practice irregular past simple verbs earlier, see the list of irregular verbs sorted by the earliest lesson in which the present simple and past simple verbs can be read by a Hickey learner.)

**Preparation:** Cut out and glue the cards onto heavy paper. If you want to play with a subset of the irregular verbs sooner than lesson 40c, mark each card with the Hickey lesson number by which all of its spellings have been learned (see the “master list” for lesson numbers). Lamination optional.

**To play:** Choose a subset of cards with which you will play. Shuffle the cards. Deal each player four cards and put the remaining pile of cards face down in the middle. Players try to assemble families of four cards by asking the other player(s) for the card they want by name (example: “Do you have “*make-made*” from the ‘*Past has a-magic-e’ family?*”) If the player gets what s/he requested, s/he gets another turn. If not, the other player says, “No, Go Fish” and the first player draws a card from the pile. Lay down each family of four cards as it is assembled; the learner should name the family, read the 4 verb pairs and state their meanings. Play until all the cards are laid out in families. The player with the most families wins. (Try to let the learner outsmart you.)

Master List for Happy Families game

Irregular Verbs: Present simple - Past simple

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| **Family number** | **Earliest lesson for this family** | Family name | 4 Family members |  | Family number | **Earliest lesson for this family** | **Family name** | 4 Family members |
|  | 26 | Present - Past Same #1 | cut - cut  put - put  hit - hit  cost – cost |  |  | 32a  (71 for the –old pattern) | Past has (ō) -old | sell – sold  resell – resold  tell – told  retell – retold |
|  | 29 | Present (ĭ) -> Past (ă) | sit – sat  swim – swam  begin – began  sing – sang |  |  | 34 | Present & Past Same #2 | quit – quit  let – let  rid – rid  shut – shut |
|  | 29 | Past has –ent | go – went  spend – spent  send – sent  bend – bent |  |  | 35 | Past has -o\_e | ride -rode  rise - rose  drive – drove  freeze – froze |
|  | 29 | Past has o | get – got  lose – lost  win – won  forget – forgot |  |  | 35 | Past has (ĕ) | fall – fell  hold – held  feed – fed  meet – met |
|  | 30 | Be, Do, Have | is/am – was  are - were  do/does – did  has/have – had |  |  | 35 | Present has ee\_, Past has (ě\_t) | feel - felt  keep - kept  sweep - swept  sleep – slept |
|  | 30 | Past has (-a\_e) | make – made  come – came  become – became  give – gave |  |  | 36 | Past has (ŏo) | take – took  shake - shook  stand- stood  understand – understood |
|  | 32 | Others | bite – bit  run – ran  hang - hung  drink – drank |

**Regular** verbs: Present Simple - Past simple,

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| # | Earliest lesson | Family name | 4 Family members |  | # | Earliest lesson | **Family name** | 4 Family members |
|  | 40a | -ed like (id)  after t | want – wanted  visit – visited  rest – rested  print – printed |  |  | 40b | -ed like (d)  after –se and -re | refuse – refused  close – closed  stare - stared  prepare – prepared |
|  | 40a | -ed like (id)  after -d | remind – reminded  need – needed  add – added  blend – blended |  |  | 40c | -ed like (t)  after -x, -ss, -sh | fix – fixed  kiss – kissed  finish – finished  push – pushed |
|  | 40a | -ed like (id)  after -te | skate – skated  invite – invited  complete – completed  taste – tasted |  |  | 40c | -ed like t  after (p) | stop – stopped  help – helped  hope – hoped  jump – jumped |
|  | 40b | -ed like (d)  after -ll | fill – filled  call – called  yell – yelled  pull – pulled |  |  | 40c | -ed like (t)  after k #1 | ask – asked  kick – kicked  pick – picked  thank – thanked |
|  | 40b | -ed like (d)  after (l) | travel – traveled  smile – smiled  pile – piled  pale – paled |  |  | 40c | -ed like (t)  after k #2 | talk – talked  walk – walked  look – looked  cook – cooked |
|  | 40b | -ed like (d) after (n) | open – opened  happen - happened  listen – listened  plan – planned |  |  | 40c | -ed like (t) after -ke | hike – hiked  like – liked  bike – biked  bake – baked |
|  | 40b | -ed like (d) after –ve, m, ee | live – lived  arrive – arrived  seem – seemed  agree – agreed |  |  | 40c | cvc -> cvcced | hop – hopped  drop - dropped  plan – planned  rub – rubbed |
|  | 40b | -ed like (d) after -er | cover – covered  water – watered  answer – answered  remember – remembered |

Irregular Verbs

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| **Present - Past**  **Same #1** | **Present - Past**  **Same #1** | **Present - Past**  **Same #1** | **Present - Past**  **Same #1** |
| cut - cut  put - put  hit - hit  cost – cost | put - put  cut - cut  hit - hit  cost – cost | hit - hit  cut - cut  put - put  cost – cost | cost – cost  cut - cut  put - put  hit - hit |
| **Present (ĭ) ->**  **Past (ă)** | **Present (ĭ) ->**  **Past (ă)** | **Present (ĭ) ->**  **Past (ă)** | **Present (ĭ) ->**  **Past (ă)** |
| sit – sat  swim – swam  begin – began  sing – sang | swim – swam  sit – sat  begin – began  sing – sang | begin – began  sit – sat  swim – swam  sing – sang | sing – sang  sit – sat  swim – swam  begin – began |
| **Past has –ent** | **Past has –ent** | **Past has –ent** | **Past has –ent** |
| go – went  spend – spent  send – sent  bend – bent | spend – spent  go – went  send – sent  bend – bent | send – sent  go – went  spend – spent  bend – bent | bend – bent  go – went  spend – spent  send – sent |
| **Past has o** | **Past has o** | **Past has o** | **Past has o** |
| get – got  lose – lost  win – won  forget – forgot | lose – lost  get – got  win – won  forget – forgot | win – won  get – got  lose – lost  forget – forgot | forget – forgot  get – got  lose – lost  win – won |
| **Do, Be, Have** | **Do, Be, Have** | **Do, Be, Have** | **Do, Be, Have** |
| do/does – did  is/am – was  are - were  has/have – had | is/am – was  do/does – did  are - were  has/have – had | are - were  do/does – did  is/am – was  has/have – had | has/have – had  do/does – did  is/am – was  are - were |
| **Past has (-a\_e)** | **Past has (-a\_e)** | **Past has (-a\_e)** | **Past has (-a\_e)** |
| make – made  come – came  become – became  give – gave | come – came  make – made  become – became  give – gave | become – became  make – made  come – came  give – gave | give – gave  make – made  come – came  become – became |
| **Others** | **Others** | **Others** | **Others** |
| bite – bit  run – ran  hang - hung  drink – drank | run – ran  bite – bit  hang - hung  drink – drank | hang - hung  bite – bit  run – ran  drink – drank | drink – drank  bite – bit  run – ran  hang - hung |
| **Past has (ō) -old** | **Past has (ō) -old** | **Past has (ō) -old** | **Past has (ō) -old** |
| sell – sold  resell – resold  tell – told  retell – retold | resell – resold  sell – sold  tell – told  retell – retold | tell – told  sell – sold  resell – resold  retell – retold | retell – retold  sell – sold  resell – resold  tell – told |
| Present-Past Same #2 | Present-Past Same #2 | Present-Past Same #2 | Present-Past Same #2 |
| quit – quit  let – let  rid – rid  shut – shut | quit – quit  let – let  rid – rid  shut – shut | let – let  rid – rid  quit – quit  shut – shut | rid – rid  shut – shut  quit – quit  let – let |
| **Past has -o\_e** | **Past has -o\_e** | **Past has -o\_e** | **Past has -o\_e** |
| ride -rode  rise - rose  drive – drove  freeze – froze | rise - rose  ride -rode  drive – drove  freeze – froze | drive – drove  ride -rode  rise - rose  freeze – froze | freeze – froze  ride -rode  rise - rose  drive – drove |
| **Past has (ĕ)** | **Past has (ĕ)** | **Past has (ĕ)** | **Past has (ĕ)** |
| fall – fell  hold – held  feed – fed  meet – met | hold – held  fall – fell  feed – fed  meet – met | feed – fed  fall – fell  hold – held  meet – met | meet – met  fall – fell  hold – held  feed – fed |
| **Present has ee\_,  Past has (ě\_t)** | **Present has ee\_,  Past has (ě\_t)** | **Present has ee\_,  Past has (ě\_t)** | **Present has ee\_,  Past has (ě\_t)** |
| feel - felt  keep - kept  sweep - swept  sleep – slept | keep - kept  feel - felt  sweep - swept  sleep – slept | sweep - swept  feel - felt  keep - kept  sleep – slept | sleep – slept  feel - felt  keep - kept  sweep - swept |
| **Past has (ŏo)** | **Past has (ŏo)** | **Past has (ŏo)** | **Past has (ŏo)** |
| take – took  shake - shook  stand- stood  understand – understood | shake - shook  take – took  stand- stood  understand – understood | stand- stood  take – took  shake - shook  understand – understood | understand – understood take – took  shake - shook  stand- stood |

Regular verbs (past has –ed)

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| -ed like (id)  **after t** | **-ed like (id)**  **after t** | **-ed like (id)**  **after t** | **-ed like (id)**  **after t** |
| want – wanted  visit – visited  rest – rested  print – printed | visit – visited  want – wanted  rest – rested  print – printed | rest – rested  want – wanted  visit – visited  print – printed | print – printed  want – wanted  visit – visited  rest – rested |
| **-ed like (id)**  **after -d** | **-ed like (id)**  **after -d** | **-ed like (id)**  **after -d** | **-ed like (id)**  **after -d** |
| remind – reminded  need – needed  add – added  blend – blended | need – needed  remind – reminded  add – added  blend – blended | add – added  remind – reminded  need – needed  blend – blended | blend – blended  remind – reminded  need – needed  add – added |
| **-ed like (id)**  **after -te** | **-ed like (id)**  **after -te** | **-ed like (id)**  **after -te** | **-ed like (id)**  **after -te** |
| skate – skated  invite – invited  taste – tasted  complete – completed | invite – invited  skate – skated  taste – tasted  complete – completed | taste – tasted  skate – skated  invite – invited  complete – completed | complete – completed  skate – skated  invite – invited  taste – tasted |
| **-ed like (d)**  **after -ll** | **-ed like (d)**  **after -ll** | **-ed like (d)**  **after -ll** | **-ed like (d)**  **after -ll** |
| fill – filled  call – called  yell – yelled  pull – pulled | call – called  fill – filled  yell – yelled  pull – pulled | yell – yelled  fill – filled  call – called  pull – pulled | pull – pulled  fill – filled  call – called  yell – yelled |
| **-ed like (d)**  **after (l)** | **-ed like (d)**  **after (l)** | **-ed like (d)**  **after (l)** | **-ed like (d)**  **after (l)** |
| travel – traveled  smile – smiled  pile – piled  pale – paled | smile – smiled  travel – traveled  pile – piled  pale – paled | pile – piled  travel – traveled  smile – smiled  pale – paled | pale – paled  travel – traveled  smile – smiled  pile – piled |
| **-ed like (d)**  **after (n)** | **-ed like (d)**  **after (n)** | **-ed like (d)**  **after (n)** | **-ed like (d)**  **after (n)** |
| open – opened  happen - happened  listen – listened  plan – planned | happen - happened  open – opened  listen – listened  plan – planned | listen – listened  open – opened  happen - happened  plan – planned | plan – planned  open – opened  happen - happened  listen – listened |
| **-ed like (d)**  **after –ve, m, ee** | **-ed like (d)**  **after –ve, m, ee** | **-ed like (d)**  **after –ve, m, ee** | **-ed like (d)**  **after –ve, m, ee** |
| arrive – arrived  live – lived  seem – seemed  agree – agreed | live – lived  arrive – arrived  seem – seemed  agree – agreed | seem – seemed  arrive – arrived  live – lived  agree – agreed | agree – agreed  arrive – arrived  live – lived  seem – seemed |
| **-ed like (d)**  **after -er** | **-ed like (d)**  **after -er** | **-ed like (d)**  **after -er** | **-ed like (d)**  **after -er** |
| cover – covered  water – watered  answer – answered  remember – remembered | water – watered  cover – covered  answer – answered  remember – remembered | answer – answered cover – covered  water – watered  remember – remembered | remember – remembered cover – covered  water – watered  answer – answered |
| **-ed like (d)**  **after –se and -re** | **-ed like (d)**  **after –se and -re** | **-ed like (d)**  **after –se and -re** | **-ed like (d)**  **after –se and -re** |
| refuse – refused  close – closed  stare - stared  prepare – prepared | close – closed  refuse – refused  stare - stared  prepare – prepared | stare - stared  refuse – refused  close – closed  prepare – prepared | prepare – prepared  refuse – refused  close – closed  stare - stared |

Regular Verbs (-ed)

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| **-ed like (t)**  **after -x, -ss, -sh** | **-ed like (t)**  **after -x, -ss, -sh** | **-ed like (t)**  **after -x, -ss, -sh** | **-ed like (t)**  **after -x, -ss, -sh** |
| fix – fixed  kiss – kissed  finish – finished  push – pushed | kiss – kissed  fix – fixed  finish – finished  push – pushed | finish – finished  fix – fixed  kiss – kissed  push – pushed | push – pushed  fix – fixed  kiss – kissed  finish – finished |
| **-ed like t**  **after (p)** | **-ed like t**  **after (p)** | **-ed like t**  **after (p)** | **-ed like t**  **after (p)** |
| stop – stopped  help – helped  hope – hoped  jump – jumped | help – helped  stop – stopped  hope – hoped  jump – jumped | hope – hoped  stop – stopped  help – helped  jump – jumped | jump – jumped  stop – stopped  help – helped  hope – hoped |
| **-ed like (t)**  **after k #1** | **-ed like (t)**  **after k #1** | **-ed like (t)**  **after k #1** | **-ed like (t)**  **after k #1** |
| ask – asked  kick – kicked  pick – picked  thank – thanked | kick – kicked  ask – asked  pick – picked  thank – thanked | pick – picked  ask – asked  kick – kicked  thank – thanked | thank – thanked  ask – asked  kick – kicked  pick – picked |
| **-ed like (t)**  **after k #2** | **-ed like (t)**  **after k #2** | **-ed like (t)**  **after k #2** | **-ed like (t)**  **after k #2** |
| talk – talked  walk – walked  look – looked  cook – cooked | walk – walked  talk – talked  look – looked  cook – cooked | look – looked  talk – talked  walk – walked  cook – cooked | cook – cooked  talk – talked  walk – walked  look – looked |
| **-ed like (t)**  **after -ke** | **-ed like (t)**  **after -ke** | **-ed like (t)**  **after -ke** | **-ed like (t)**  **after -ke** |
| hike – hiked  like – liked  bike – biked  bake – baked | like – liked  hike – hiked  bike – biked  bake – baked | bike – biked  hike – hiked  like – liked  bake – baked | bake – baked  hike – hiked  like – liked  bike – biked |
| **cvc -> cvcced** | **cvc -> cvcced** | **cvc -> cvcced** | **cvc -> cvcced** |
| hop – hopped  drop - dropped  plan – planned  rub – rubbed | drop - dropped  hop – hopped  plan – planned  rub – rubbed | plan – planned  hop – hopped  drop - dropped  rub – rubbed | rub – rubbed  hop – hopped  drop - dropped  plan – planned |