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 - cutput - puthit - hitcost – cost |  |  | 32a(71 for the –old pattern) | Past has (ō) -old | sell – soldresell – resoldtell – toldretell – retold |
|  | 29 | Present (ĭ) -> Past (ă)  | sit – satswim – swambegin – begansing – sang  |  |  | 34 | Present & Past Same #2 | quit – quitlet – letrid – ridshut – shut |
|  | 29 | Past has –ent | go – wentspend – spentsend – sentbend – bent |  |  | 35 | Past has -o\_e | ride -roderise - rosedrive – drovefreeze – froze |
|  | 29 | Past has o | get – gotlose – lostwin – wonforget – forgot |  |  | 35 | Past has (ĕ) | fall – fellhold – heldfeed – fedmeet – met |
|  | 30 | Be, Do, Have | is/am – wasare - were do/does – didhas/have – had |  |  | 35 | Present has ee\_, Past has (ě\_t) | feel - feltkeep - keptsweep - sweptsleep – slept |
|  | 30 | Past has (-a\_e) | make – madecome – camebecome – becamegive – gave |  |  | 36 | Past has (ŏo) | take – tookshake - shookstand- stoodunderstand – understood |
|  | 32 | Others | bite – bitrun – ranhang - hungdrink – 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 – wantedvisit – visitedrest – restedprint – printed |  |  | 40b | -ed like (d) after –se and -re | refuse – refusedclose – closedstare - staredprepare – prepared |
|  | 40a | -ed like (id)after -d | remind – remindedneed – neededadd – addedblend – blended |  |  | 40c | -ed like (t) after -x, -ss, -sh | fix – fixedkiss – kissedfinish – finishedpush – pushed |
|  | 40a | -ed like (id)after -te | skate – skatedinvite – invitedcomplete – completedtaste – tasted |  |  | 40c | -ed like t after (p) | stop – stoppedhelp – helpedhope – hopedjump – jumped |
|  | 40b | -ed like (d)after -ll | fill – filledcall – calledyell – yelledpull – pulled |  |  | 40c | -ed like (t) after k #1 | ask – askedkick – kickedpick – pickedthank – thanked |
|  | 40b | -ed like (d)after (l) | travel – traveledsmile – smiledpile – piledpale – paled |  |  | 40c | -ed like (t) after k #2 | talk – talkedwalk – walkedlook – lookedcook – cooked |
|  | 40b | -ed like (d) after (n) | open – openedhappen - happenedlisten – listenedplan – planned |  |  | 40c | -ed like (t) after -ke | hike – hikedlike – likedbike – bikedbake – baked |
|  | 40b | -ed like (d) after –ve, m, ee | live – lived arrive – arrivedseem – seemedagree – agreed |  |  | 40c | cvc -> cvcced | hop – hoppeddrop - droppedplan – plannedrub – rubbed |
|  | 40b | -ed like (d) after -er | cover – coveredwater – wateredanswer – answeredremember – remembered |

Irregular Verbs

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| **Present - Past****Same #1** | **Present - Past****Same #1** | **Present - Past****Same #1** | **Present - Past****Same #1** |
| cut - cutput - puthit - hitcost – cost | put - putcut - cuthit - hitcost – cost | hit - hitcut - cutput - putcost – cost | cost – costcut - cutput - puthit - hit |
| **Present (ĭ) ->****Past (ă)** | **Present (ĭ) ->****Past (ă)** | **Present (ĭ) ->****Past (ă)** | **Present (ĭ) ->****Past (ă)** |
| sit – satswim – swambegin – begansing – sang | swim – swamsit – satbegin – begansing – sang | begin – begansit – satswim – swamsing – sang | sing – sangsit – satswim – swambegin – began |
| **Past has –ent** | **Past has –ent** | **Past has –ent** | **Past has –ent** |
| go – wentspend – spentsend – sentbend – bent | spend – spentgo – wentsend – sentbend – bent | send – sentgo – wentspend – spentbend – bent | bend – bentgo – wentspend – spentsend – sent |
| **Past has o** | **Past has o** | **Past has o** | **Past has o** |
| get – gotlose – lostwin – wonforget – forgot | lose – lostget – gotwin – wonforget – forgot | win – wonget – gotlose – lostforget – forgot | forget – forgotget – gotlose – lostwin – won |
| **Do, Be, Have** | **Do, Be, Have** | **Do, Be, Have** | **Do, Be, Have** |
| do/does – didis/am – wasare - werehas/have – had | is/am – wasdo/does – didare - werehas/have – had | are - weredo/does – didis/am – washas/have – had | has/have – haddo/does – didis/am – wasare - were |
| **Past has (-a\_e)** | **Past has (-a\_e)** | **Past has (-a\_e)** | **Past has (-a\_e)** |
| make – madecome – camebecome – becamegive – gave | come – camemake – madebecome – becamegive – gave | become – becamemake – madecome – camegive – gave | give – gavemake – madecome – camebecome – became |
| **Others** | **Others** | **Others** | **Others** |
| bite – bitrun – ranhang - hungdrink – drank | run – ranbite – bithang - hungdrink – drank | hang - hungbite – bitrun – randrink – drank | drink – drankbite – bitrun – ranhang - hung |
| **Past has (ō) -old** | **Past has (ō) -old** | **Past has (ō) -old** | **Past has (ō) -old** |
| sell – soldresell – resoldtell – toldretell – retold  | resell – resoldsell – soldtell – toldretell – retold | tell – told sell – soldresell – resoldretell – retold | retell – retold sell – soldresell – resoldtell – told |
| Present-Past Same #2 | Present-Past Same #2 | Present-Past Same #2 | Present-Past Same #2 |
| quit – quitlet – letrid – ridshut – shut | quit – quitlet – letrid – ridshut – shut | let – letrid – ridquit – quitshut – shut | rid – ridshut – shutquit – quitlet – let |
| **Past has -o\_e** | **Past has -o\_e** | **Past has -o\_e** | **Past has -o\_e** |
| ride -roderise - rosedrive – drovefreeze – froze | rise - roseride -rodedrive – drovefreeze – froze | drive – droveride -roderise - rosefreeze – froze | freeze – frozeride -roderise - rosedrive – drove |
| **Past has (ĕ)** | **Past has (ĕ)** | **Past has (ĕ)** | **Past has (ĕ)** |
| fall – fellhold – heldfeed – fedmeet – met | hold – heldfall – fellfeed – fedmeet – met | feed – fedfall – fellhold – heldmeet – met | meet – metfall – fellhold – heldfeed – 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 - feltkeep - keptsweep - sweptsleep – slept | keep - keptfeel - feltsweep - sweptsleep – slept | sweep - sweptfeel - feltkeep - keptsleep – slept | sleep – sleptfeel - feltkeep - keptsweep - swept |
| **Past has (ŏo)** | **Past has (ŏo)** | **Past has (ŏo)** | **Past has (ŏo)** |
| take – tookshake - shookstand- stoodunderstand – understood | shake - shooktake – tookstand- stoodunderstand – understood | stand- stoodtake – tookshake - shookunderstand – understood | understand – understood take – tookshake - shookstand- 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 – wantedvisit – visitedrest – restedprint – printed | visit – visitedwant – wantedrest – restedprint – printed | rest – restedwant – wantedvisit – visitedprint – printed | print – printedwant – wantedvisit – visitedrest – rested |
| **-ed like (id)** **after -d** | **-ed like (id)** **after -d** | **-ed like (id)** **after -d** | **-ed like (id)** **after -d** |
| remind – remindedneed – neededadd – addedblend – blended | need – neededremind – remindedadd – addedblend – blended | add – addedremind – remindedneed – neededblend – blended | blend – blendedremind – remindedneed – neededadd – added |
| **-ed like (id)** **after -te** | **-ed like (id)** **after -te** | **-ed like (id)** **after -te** | **-ed like (id)** **after -te** |
| skate – skatedinvite – invitedtaste – tastedcomplete – completed | invite – invitedskate – skatedtaste – tastedcomplete – completed | taste – tastedskate – skatedinvite – invitedcomplete – completed | complete – completedskate – skatedinvite – invitedtaste – tasted |
| **-ed like (d)** **after -ll** | **-ed like (d)** **after -ll** | **-ed like (d)** **after -ll** | **-ed like (d)** **after -ll** |
| fill – filledcall – calledyell – yelledpull – pulled | call – calledfill – filledyell – yelledpull – pulled | yell – yelledfill – filledcall – calledpull – pulled | pull – pulledfill – filledcall – calledyell – yelled |
| **-ed like (d)** **after (l)** | **-ed like (d)** **after (l)** | **-ed like (d)** **after (l)** | **-ed like (d)** **after (l)** |
| travel – traveledsmile – smiledpile – piledpale – paled | smile – smiledtravel – traveledpile – piledpale – paled | pile – piledtravel – traveledsmile – smiledpale – paled | pale – paled travel – traveledsmile – smiledpile – piled |
| **-ed like (d)** **after (n)** | **-ed like (d)** **after (n)** | **-ed like (d)** **after (n)** | **-ed like (d)** **after (n)** |
| open – openedhappen - happenedlisten – listenedplan – planned | happen - happenedopen – openedlisten – listenedplan – planned | listen – listenedopen – openedhappen - happenedplan – planned | plan – plannedopen – openedhappen - happenedlisten – 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 – arrivedlive – livedseem – seemedagree – agreed | live – livedarrive – arrivedseem – seemedagree – agreed | seem – seemedarrive – arrivedlive – livedagree – agreed | agree – agreedarrive – arrivedlive – livedseem – seemed |
| **-ed like (d)** **after -er** | **-ed like (d)** **after -er** | **-ed like (d)** **after -er** | **-ed like (d)** **after -er** |
| cover – coveredwater – wateredanswer – answeredremember – remembered | water – wateredcover – coveredanswer – answeredremember – remembered | answer – answered cover – coveredwater – wateredremember – remembered | remember – remembered cover – coveredwater – wateredanswer – 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 – refusedclose – closedstare - staredprepare – prepared | close – closedrefuse – refusedstare - staredprepare – prepared | stare - staredrefuse – refusedclose – closedprepare – prepared | prepare – preparedrefuse – refusedclose – closedstare - 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 – fixedkiss – kissedfinish – finishedpush – pushed | kiss – kissedfix – fixedfinish – finishedpush – pushed | finish – finishedfix – fixedkiss – kissedpush – pushed | push – pushedfix – fixedkiss – kissedfinish – finished |
| **-ed like t** **after (p)** | **-ed like t** **after (p)** | **-ed like t** **after (p)** | **-ed like t** **after (p)** |
| stop – stoppedhelp – helpedhope – hopedjump – jumped | help – helpedstop – stoppedhope – hopedjump – jumped | hope – hopedstop – stoppedhelp – helpedjump – jumped | jump – jumped stop – stoppedhelp – helpedhope – 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 – askedkick – kickedpick – pickedthank – thanked | kick – kickedask – askedpick – pickedthank – thanked | pick – pickedask – askedkick – kickedthank – thanked | thank – thankedask – askedkick – kickedpick – 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 – talkedwalk – walkedlook – lookedcook – cooked | walk – walkedtalk – talkedlook – lookedcook – cooked | look – lookedtalk – talkedwalk – walkedcook – cooked | cook – cooked talk – talkedwalk – walkedlook – looked |
| **-ed like (t)** **after -ke** | **-ed like (t)** **after -ke** | **-ed like (t)** **after -ke** | **-ed like (t)** **after -ke** |
| hike – hikedlike – likedbike – bikedbake – baked | like – likedhike – hikedbike – bikedbake – baked | bike – bikedhike – hikedlike – likedbake – baked | bake – baked hike – hikedlike – likedbike – biked |
| **cvc -> cvcced** | **cvc -> cvcced** | **cvc -> cvcced** | **cvc -> cvcced** |
| hop – hoppeddrop - droppedplan – plannedrub – rubbed | drop - droppedhop – hoppedplan – plannedrub – rubbed | plan – plannedhop – hoppeddrop - droppedrub – rubbed | rub – rubbedhop – hoppeddrop - droppedplan – planned |