

verb	example
accept	He accepted the offer.
add	I added too much salt.
admire	We admired our grandfather.
admit	They admitted their mistake.
advise	My aunt advised me well.
afford	This is used with could/couldn't + infinitive e.g. We couldn't afford the latest model. Discounts are afforded to new clients.
agree	I agreed with everyone.
alert	My kids alerted me there was a spider in the bath.
allow	I allowed them some sweets.
amuse	The film amused me.
analyse	I analysed all the documents.
announce	They announced on the radio about the escaped tiger.
annoy	I was annoyed by the loud music.
answer	No one answered my question.
apologise	I apologized a hundred times.
appear	A ghost appeared in my basement.
applaud	The audience applauded.
appreciate	I appreciated the gesture.
approve	Your application has been approved.
argue	They argued all day and night.
arrange	We arranged a new date for the meeting.
arrest	My son`s been arrested twice now.
arrive	By the time we`d arrived, the shops had closed.
ask	He asked me to marry him.
attach	Please see the attached file.
attack	One pupil attacked another.

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attempt	I attempted to eat the soup, but I was still ill.
attend	Many attended the funeral.
attract	The opposite ends attracted.
avoid	She avoided the question.
back	My mum backed me all the way, she believed me.
bake	I've baked a lovely sponge.
balance	The cat balanced on the wall.
ban	Street drinking had been banned before I left the country.
bathe	She bathed in the warm ocean.
beg	The tramp begged for money.
behave	I can't believe how badly you behaved!
belong	The bag belonged to my friend.
bless	The vicar blessed the child.
blink	The children blinked as dust flew into their eyes.
blush	The girl blushed at the compliment.
boil	Boiled eggs are great with tomato sauce.
book	We've booked the hotel.
bore	I'm bored to death.
borrow	Who borrowed my iPod and didn't return it?
bounce	The ball bounced into the garden.
brake	The driver braked hard but the car still skidded into the bushes.
breathe	He breathed a sigh of relief.
brush	she brushed the paint out of her hair.
bury	They buried the victim.
calculate	The group calculated the bill.
call	We called the police.

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camp	We camped on a hill.
care	The kind lady cared for the kittens.
cause	An electrical fault caused the explosion.
challenge	The boxer challenged his enemy.
change	I changed my, trousers after I spilt wine all over them.
charge	The suspect has been charged.
chase	The dog chased the stick.
chat	We chatted for hours.
cheat	My boyfriend cheated on me.
check	I checked my bag but couldn't find my phone.
cheer	The crowd cheered the injury time goal.
chew	My dog chewed my new trainers.
claim	I claimed my prize.
clap	I clapped so hard my hands hurt.
clean	I've just cleaned my house from top to bottom.
clear	The clouds have cleared, let's go for a wander.
close	The shop is closed.
collect	The charity worker collected donations.
comb	The mermaid combed her long hair.
compare	Today is sunnier compared to yesterday.
compete	The athletes competed hard for the gold.
complain	The old lady complained.
complete	I completed the test.
concentrate	The children concentrated on the cartoon.
concern	I'm concerned about your behaviour.
confess	He confessed to stealing the wallet.
confuse	The boy looked confused.

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connect	We connected the dots and discovered the culprit.
consider	We considered all the options.
consist	The cocktail consisted of rum, milk and coconut.
contain	The disease has been contained.
continue	We continued working into the night.
cook	My husband cooked me a lovely anniversary meal.
copy	My classmate copied my homework.
correct	The teacher corrected the papers.
cough	I coughed all night long.
count	She girl counted her pennies.
cover	I covered my eyes, the film was too scary.
crack	The window cracked in the storm.
crash	The car crashed into the tree.
crawl	The baby crawled out of her cot.
cross	The elderly couple slowly crossed the street.
crush	I was crushed when she said no to a date.
cry	I cried myself to sleep.
cure	I felt cured after taking the medicine.
curl	My sister curled my hair for the disco.
curve	The ball curved into the net.
cycle	I cycled ten miles today.
damage	My conservatory was slightly damaged after the storm.
dance	We danced all night to the best song ever.
deceive	He deceived me again, we`re over.
decide	I decided to wear the floral dress.
decorate	The family decorated their house for Christmas.
delay	I was delayed by an hour due to the traffic.

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delete	She deleted my number.
delight	My nephew was delighted with his present.
deliver	My new laptop is being delivered today.
depend	It depended on three factors.
describe	She described her attacker.
deserve	They deserved to win.
destroy	Black destroyed his opponent.
detect	The scan detected abnormalities.
develop	They`ve developed a cure.
disagree	The majority disagreed with the decision.
disappear	The woman disappeared into the darkness.
discover	I discovered a new band.
dislike	He disliked chips without ketchup.
divide	I divided the money.
double	The population has doubled.
doubt	I doubted I was right.
dress	I`ve dressed for success.
drop	She dropped a bombshell
drown	The baby duck drowned.
dry	I`ve dried the dishes.
dust	She dusted her silverware.
earn	I earned a lot last month.
educate	Children are badly educated.
embarrass	I was embarrassed about my behaviour.
employ	The company employed 50 new people.
empty	She emptied her wardrobe.
encourage	Mum encouraged her pups.

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end	The torment ended.
enjoy	They enjoyed the ice cream.
enter	We entered the dark hallway.
entertain	The clown entertained everyone.
escape	Everyone escaped the blaze.
examine	The doctor examined my leg.
excite	The kids were excited.
excuse	The businessman was excused.
exercise	We exercised a lot.
exist	I didn't know aliens existed.
expand	We've expanded the business.
expect	I expected you earlier.
explain	The teacher explained the worksheet.
explode	The bomb exploded.
extend	The lecturer extended the deadline.
face	He turned and faced the baying crowd.
fade	My hope faded.
fail	We failed the mission.
fancy	I fancied a girl in my class.
fasten	We fastened our seatbelts.
fax	I faxed the invoice.
fear	We feared the worst.
fetch	I fetched the book.
file	The lawyer filed the report.
fill	We filled our glasses.
film	The onlookers filmed the brawl.
finish	I finished the race.

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fire	The manager fired his secretary.
fit	I fitted the new part.
fix	I fixed my heater.
flash	Lightning flashed in the sky.
float	The toy boat floated along the stream.
flood	The town was flooded.
flow	The conversation flowed.
flower	The roses flowered.
fold	I folded my sheets.
follow	We followed the crowd.
fool	He fooled us all.
force	The door was forced open.
form	We formed a queue.
found	A new organisation was founded.
frame	I framed the photo.
frighten	The child was frightened.
fry	I fried the eggs.
gather	A crowd gathered.
graduate	I graduated.
grease	The baker greased the pan.
greet	We greeted the new people.
groan	He groaned in pain.
guess	I guessed correctly.
guide	I guided the blind lady.
hammer	I hammered the nail.
hand	She handed me the papers.
happen	It happened so quickly.

verb	example
harm	It harmed his reputation.
hate	He hated violence.
head	We headed towards the ocean.
heat	Mum heated the milk.
help	She helped the poor.
hope	I hoped for more.
hug	We hugged each other.
hunt	The shark hunted a seal.
hurry	I hurried my friend.
identify	They identified the burglar.
ignore	They ignored his plea.
imagine	I imagined a world without any violence.
impress	The new product impressed the manager.
improve	He improved the menu.
include	We included everyone.
increase	Our profits increased.
influence	We were influenced by the people.
inform	The policeman informed the victim.
inject	The doctor injected the patient.
injure	The animal was injured.
instruct	I instructed the workforce.
intend	I never intended for that to happen.
interest	I'm not interested.
interfere	He interfered in my business.
interrupt	I was interrupted many times.
introduce	I was introduced to their new puppy. *When presenting a new person, we use introduce not present.

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invent	A new vaccine was invented.
invite	We were all invited.
irritate	The wound became irritated.
jail	The crook was jailed.
join	We joined forces.
joke	We joked around for hours.
judge	I judged him before I knew him.
jump	The cow jumped the fence.
kick	The boy kicked the ball.
kill	We killed all the mosquitoes.
kiss	I kissed a girl and I liked it.
knit	My nanny knitted some baby booties.
knock	We knocked on the door.
knot	My shoelaces were knotted.
label	Mum labelled my lunchbox.
land	The plane landed safely.
last	The film lasted forever.
laugh	We laughed at the man`s silly voice.
launch	The new business was launched. They launched the bottle into the garden.
level	The garden was levelled.
lick	She licked a lolly.
lighten	My hair has been lightened.
like	I liked the whole menu.
list	We listed the items we needed.
listen	She listened carefully.
live	I lived there recently.

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load	I loaded the car.
lock	We locked the safe.
long	I longed for a sister.
look	She looked at me.
love	We loved the performance.
manage	I managed to escape.
march	The soldiers marched.
mark	The teacher marked the tests.
marry	They got married.
match	Our profiles matched.
measure	She measured the alcohol.
melt	The snow melted.
memorise	I memorised my lines.
mend	My heart mended.
milk	She milked her injury.
miss	I missed the boat.
mix	I mixed the herbs.
move	We moved to a new house.
multiply	The mice soon multiplied.
murder	The man was murdered.
nail	They nailed the coffin.
name	We named him Boris.
need	I really needed that.
note	I noted his selfishness.
notice	I noticed a hole.
number	I numbered the questions.
obey	He obeyed me.

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object	The audience objected.
observe	We observed the birds.
obtain	I obtained a licence.
offend	She was offended.
offer	He offered to help.
open	I opened the window.
order	I ordered him not to go.
overflow	The bath overflowed.
owe	I owed him a favour.
pack	We packed our bags.
paint	They painted the garage.
park	We parked under a bridge.
pass	We passed an accident.
paste	I copied and pasted the paragraph.
pat	I patted myself on the back.
pause	She paused for a moment.
pedal	I pedalled faster.
peel	I peeled the orange.
peep	We peeped through the curtain.
perform	They performed well.
phone	I phoned for hours.
pick	He picked me a dress.
place	I placed the flowers carefully.
plan	I planned carefully.
plant	She planted the idea in my mind.
play	We played a game.
please	I wasn't very pleased.

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plug	I unplugged the machine.
point	He pointed carefully.
polish	The glasses were polished.
possess	The house was possessed.
post	I posted the letter.
pour	We poured ourselves a whiskey.
practice	The juggler practiced.
pray	We prayed to god.
precede	Gunshots had preceded the explosion.
prefer	I preferred either.
prepare	Nothing prepared us.
present	I presented my side.
press	He pressed his face against the glass.
pretend	He pretended to be asleep.
prevent	We could have prevented it.
print	The new signs were printed.
produce	She produced her licence.
program	I programmed the robot.
promise	You promised you wouldn't.
protect	The armour protected the troops.
provide	All materials were provided.
pull	He pulled the trigger.
pump	I was feeling pumped.
punish	The boy had to be punished.
push	I pushed the button.
queue	We queued for hours.
rain	She rained on my parade.

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raise	I was raised to be a gentleman.
reach	She reached out her hand.
realize	I only realised afterwards.
receive	He received a bonus.
recognize	I recognised him from somewhere.
record	The interview was recorded.
reduce	She was reduced to tears.
reflect	I reflected on my life.
refuse	She refused to give me an answer.
regret	I regretted my decision.
relax	We relaxed in the sun.
release	We released 100 blue balloons.
rely	My auntie relied on me.
remain	Only two remained.
remember	I suddenly remembered I did see something.
remind	She reminded me of myself.
remove	I removed the stains.
rent	We rented a campervan.
repair	The chairs were repaired.
repeat	I repeated the sentence.
replace	We replaced the headstone.
reply	I replied promptly.
report	She reported the incident.
reproduce	The frogs reproduced rapidly.
request	I requested a form.
rescue	We rescued the baby.
retire	My parents retired.

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return	I returned late.
rhyme	The sentence rhymed.
rinse	I rinsed my hair.
risk	She risked everything.
rob	They robbed me.
row	They rowed the boat.
rub	I rubbed the cream into my skin.
ruin	He ruined the surprise.
rule	He ruled the roost.
sack	They sacked him.
sail	We sailed away for a week and a day.
satisfy	I wasn't satisfied.
save	I saved the document.
scream	She screamed with fear.
screw	I screwed the last screw.
seal	I sealed the envelope.
search	I searched high and low.
separate	We separated a year ago.
serve	I served them pasta.
settle	we settled for a draw.
share	The girl shared her sweets.
shave	He shaved his beard.
shelter	The animals sheltered.
shop	We shopped till we dropped.
sigh	The audience sighed at the outcome.
sign	The star signed some autographs.
signal	The ship signalled for help.

verb	example
sin	Forgive me father for I have sinned.
ski	We skied for hours.
skip	The girls skipped along the path.
slip	I slipped on the black ice.
slow	The cars slowed down.
smile	She smiled at me.
smoke	I smoked a whole packet.
sneeze	I smelt the pepper and sneezed.
snore	My husband snored all night.
snow	It snowed!
soak	My jeans were soaked.
sound	The alarm sounded.
spray	I sprayed the deodorant.
start	The game started.
stay	We stayed quiet.
stop	He stopped the interview.
store	I stored the seeds.
stretch	The budget was stretched.
succeed	We succeeded in the end.
suffer	He suffered a lot.
suggest	He suggested an alternative.
supply	I supplied the alcohol.
support	He supported his claims.
suppose	What was I supposed to do?
surprise	I acted surprised.
surround	I am surrounded by loved ones.
suspect	I suspected it was him.

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suspend	He was suspended mid-air.
switch	I switched sides.
talk	We talked a lot.
taste	It tasted good.
tease	She teased me.
telephone	I telephoned an ambulance.
tempt	I was tempted by his offer.
terrify	The big dog terrified me.
test	They tested my patience.
thank	I thanked everybody.
tick	I ticked another box.
tidy	I tidied my room.
tie	My hands were tied.
tip	I tipped the waitress a little extra.
touch	I was touched by his gesture.
tow	The old rust bucket was towed.
trade	The fighters traded blows.
train	I've trained a lot.
transport	The goods were transported.
travel	We travelled far.
tremble	He trembled with fear.
trust	I trusted no one.
try	We tried but failed.
turn	She turned red when I asked her.
twist	The runner twisted his ankle.
type	I typed the letter.
use	You used all the toothpaste.

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wait	We waited patiently.
walk	We walked for miles.
want	Nobody wanted that result.
warn	We were warned about you.
wash	The car was washed.
waste	I wasted my Sunday.
watch	The cat watched the mouse.
weigh	I weighed up the options.
welcome	The family welcomed the new arrival.
whisper	He whispered softly.
whistle	He whistled while he worked.
wipe	He wiped her tears.
wish	I wished him a merry Christmas.
wonder	I wondered if it was true.
work	She worked herself into an early grave.
worry	I was really worried.
yawn	They yawned at the thought of double maths.
yell	Dad yelled at mum.
zoom	The camera zoomed in on her face.

