

# Principal Parts of Verbs

The **principal parts** of verbs are the **present, present participle, past, and past participle.**

For regular verbs, the present participle is formed by adding *ing* to the present. It is used with a form of the helping verb *be*.

The past and past participle of regular verbs are formed by adding *ed* or *d* to the present. The past participle uses a form of the helping verb *have*.

Examples:

Present	Present Participle	Past	Past Participle
play	(is, are, am) playing	played	(have, has, had) played
move	(is, are, am) moving	moved	(have, has, had) moved

An irregular verb forms its past and past participle in other ways. A dictionary shows the principal parts of these verbs.



**Underline the main verb in each sentence. Write *present, present participle, past, or past participle* to label the main verbs.**

1. Randy's class studies world history. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The students are reading about the Renaissance. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The teacher has taught them about the art of that time. \_\_\_\_\_
4. They have learned much about Renaissance painting. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Yesterday they visited an art museum. \_\_\_\_\_
6. They had always gone to a different museum before. \_\_\_\_\_
7. They had seen a display of Egyptian art at the Egyptian Museum. \_\_\_\_\_
8. The English teachers had read two new novels. \_\_\_\_\_
9. The band director is planning the fall musical. \_\_\_\_\_
10. The cafeteria monitor talks to the children. \_\_\_\_\_



**Write the correct form of the verb in parentheses in each sentence. At the end of each sentence, label the verb *present, present participle, past, or past participle*.**

11. These days the class \_\_\_\_\_ something about history every week. (learn)  
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12. Today the students are \_\_\_\_\_ a movie about Leonardo da Vinci. (watch)  
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## Answer Key

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1. studies—present
2. reading—present participle
3. taught—past participle
4. learned—past participle
5. visited—past
6. gone—past participle
7. seen—past participle
8. read—past participle
9. planning—present participle
10. talks—present
11. learns—present
12. watching—present participle

