

A NOTE TO REMEMBER

Let's dive in.

All verbs in the English language (except for to be), have five forms: base form (infinitive), past tense, past participle, present participle, and third-person singular (or -s form).

- Base form: (to) talk
- Past tense: talked
- Past participle: talked
- Present participle: talking
- Third-person singular: talks

When figuring out if a verb is regular or irregular, the forms you have to consider are past tense and past participle.

Past tense refers: to something that happened in the past. For example, the past tense of jump is jumped.

The kids **jumped** in the bounce house.

Past participle refers: to an action that was started and completed in the past. Auxiliary verbs (e.g., to have) precede past participles.

The kids **have jumped** in the bounce house.

Past tense and past participle are similar, but past tense leaves open the possibility that the action will continue to occur in the future. The kids **jumped** in the bounce house (and might continue to jump again later on). However, the kids **have jumped** in the bounce house implies the jumping started and ended (there's no more jumping happening later on).

Reference:

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