

Today and Yesterday

Words that show actions are called **doing words or verbs**. Doing words are used for present and past with a little difference.

Look at the following pictures:

Yesterday



We **ate** a pizza yesterday.



The gardener **watered** the plants yesterday.

Here the actions show that they have been done yesterday (past).

Today



✓ My pet dog always **barks** at strangers.



He **sleeps** soundly.

Here the actions show that they have been done today (present).

A Read the following sentences and **circle** the action words. One has been done for you.

- ✓ 1. Arpita is **watching** television.
2. Mother is **cooking**.
3. The teacher is **teaching** us.
4. Mohit **plays** cricket.
5. Pinky **makes** a rangoli.



Teacher's Note

For 2nd grade students, past and present tense have been nominated as 'today' and 'yesterday'. Please impart the children that today means present actions and yesterday means the action which have been done earlier.

6. Birds fly in the sky.
7. Harry fills the bottle with water.
8. Rohan is riding his bicycle.



Now, look at the following sentences:

1. Rohan **runs** very fast.

2. Rohan **ran** very fast yesterday.

In the first sentence, the verb **runs** refers to an action Rohan is doing today or at present. In second sentence, the verb **ran** refers to an action Rohan did yesterday (past).

Today	Yesterday
When the action is done in the present we use 's'	When the action is done in the past we use 'ed'
He plays .	He played .
I drink milk.	I drank milk.
We go outside.	We went outside.
The bus starts .	The bus started .

Let's learn them by heart.

Today	Yesterday	Today	Yesterday	Today	Yesterday
buy	bought	drink	drank	eat	ate
bring	brought	sing	sang	try	tried
think	thought	go	went	watch	watched
come	came	do	did	put	put
hear	heard	write	wrote	✓ cut	cut
keep	kept	give	gave	run	ran
sleep	slept	take	took	make	made
say	said	✓ speak	spoke	learn	learnt
drive	drove	see	saw	read	read

sell

sold

B Fill in the blanks with verbs suitable for yesterday (past). One has been done for you.

1. Idid..... the sum yesterday. (do)
2. Mohan drank..... milk this morning. (drink)
3. Rajan played..... football. (play)
4. Manish sang..... a song in his school. (sing)
5. Father brought me a story book. (bring)
- ✓ 6. Mr Peter drove..... the car very fast. (drive)
7. Teacher taught..... us a lesson today. (teach)
8. I learnt..... a lesson. (learn)
9. Riya read..... the book in the class. (read)
10. Neha baked..... tasty cookies. (bake)



C Read the words given in the box and decide whether it is a past form of verb or present form of verb. Write them under the correct heading.

jumped - writes sang cook slept calls drive talked
paints bought fixes sold taught watch rode sees

Today (Present)	Yesterday (Past)
writes	jumped, rode
cook, sees	sang
calls	slept
drive	talked
paints	bought
fixes	sold
watch	taught