

# PRACTICAL GRAMMAR

## EXPRESSING PAST ACTIONS AND IDEAS (CONTINUED)

### A special spelling rule

Look at the past tense of the verb *to study*:

VERB	PAST TENSE
to study	studied

consonant + y

Another example:

worry — worried



After *consonant + y*, we change the *y* to *i* and add **ed**.

Now look at the past tense of the verb *to play*:

VERB	PAST TENSE
to play	played

vowel + y

Another example:

stay — stayed

Remember: after *vowel + y*, we just add **ed**.

Here are some other regular verbs from this lesson:

VERB	PAST TENSE
to cause	caused
to mention	mentioned
to discuss	discussed