

# Principal Parts of Regular Verbs

A verb's tenses are made from four basic forms. These forms are called the verb's **principal parts**.

Present	Present Participle	Past	Past Participle
stop	(am, is, are) stopping	stopped	(has, have, had) stopped
ask	(am, is, are) asking	asked	(has, have, had) asked

A **regular verb** forms its past and past participle by adding *-ed* or *-d* to the present form.

- The present and the past form can be used by themselves as verbs.
- The present participle and the past participle are always used with a helping verb.

**Directions** Write *present*, *present participle*, *past*, or *past participle* to identify the principal part of the underlined verb.

1. Genius sometimes slows productivity.
2. Leonardo da Vinci possessed great genius.
3. Yolanda borrowed a biography of Leonardo.
4. It describes his many unfinished projects.
5. Leonardo invented many machines.
6. Only the drawings have survived.
7. His inventions are functioning perfectly well today.
8. We have constructed models from his drawings.
9. A few of his magnificent paintings have lasted.
10. The *Mona Lisa* is attracting more crowds now than ever.

present \_\_\_\_\_  
 past \_\_\_\_\_  
 past \_\_\_\_\_  
 present \_\_\_\_\_  
 past \_\_\_\_\_  
 past participle \_\_\_\_\_  
 present participle \_\_\_\_\_  
 past participle \_\_\_\_\_  
 past participle \_\_\_\_\_  
 present participle \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions** Underline the verb in each sentence. Write *present*, *present participle*, *past*, or *past participle* to identify the principal part of the verb.

11. Leonardo used his left hand to write and draw.
12. Biographers have suggested the significance of this.
13. Perhaps his lefthandedness contributed to his art.
14. Print something with your left hand.
15. It forces a different perspective on things.

past \_\_\_\_\_  
 past participle \_\_\_\_\_  
 past \_\_\_\_\_  
 present \_\_\_\_\_  
 present \_\_\_\_\_