

# 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. \_\_\_\_\_

**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. \_\_\_\_\_