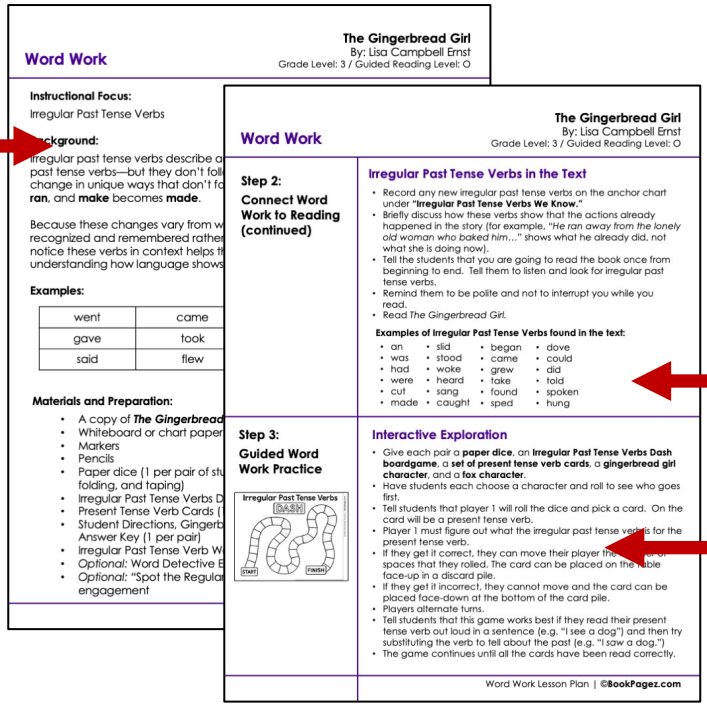
WORD WORK LESSON PLAN AND ACTIVITIES

Instructional Focus Based on the Words in the Book



Word Work

The Gingerbread Girl
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Grade Level: 3 / Guided Reading Level: O

Instructional Focus:
Irregular Past Tense Verbs

Step 2:
Connect Word Work to Reading (continued)

Irregular Past Tense Verbs in the Text

- Record any new irregular past tense verbs on the anchor chart under **"Irregular Past Tense Verbs We Know."**
- Briefly discuss how these verbs show that the actions already happened in the story (for example, *"He ran away from the lonely old woman who baked him…"* shows what he already did, not what she is doing now).
- Tell the students that you are going to read the book once from beginning to end. Tell them to listen and look for irregular past tense verbs.
- Remind them to be polite and not to interrupt you while you read.
- Read *The Gingerbread Girl.*

Examples of Irregular Past Tense Verbs found in the text:

• an	• slid	• began	• dove
• was	• stood	• came	• could
• had	• woke	• grew	• did
• were	• heard	• take	• told
• cut	• sang	• found	• spoken
• made	• caught	• sped	• hung

Step 3:
Guided Word Work Practice

Interactive Exploration

- Give each pair a **paper dice**, an **Irregular Past Tense Verbs Dash boardgame**, a **set of present tense verb cards**, a **gingerbread girl character**, and a **fox character**.
- Have students each choose a character and roll to see who goes first.
- Tell students that player 1 will roll the dice and pick a card. On the card will be a present tense verb.
- Player 1 must figure out what the irregular past tense verb is for the present tense verb.
- If they get it correct, they can move their player the number of spaces that they rolled. The card can be placed on the table face-up in a discard pile.
- If they get it incorrect, they cannot move and the card can be placed face-down at the bottom of the card pile.
- Players alternate turns.
- Tell students that this game works best if they read their present tense verb out loud in a sentence (e.g. "I see a dog") and then try substituting the verb to tell about the past (e.g. "I saw a dog.")
- The game continues until all the cards have been read correctly.

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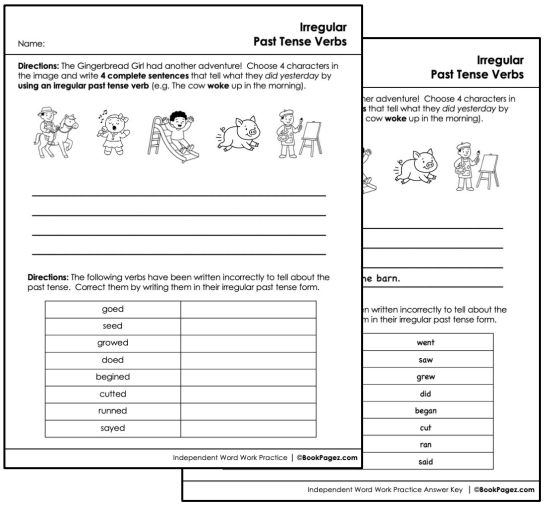
List of words in the book that match the instructional focus

Step by Step Lesson Plan



Irregular Past Tense Verbs

Name:

Directions: The Gingerbread Girl had another adventure! Choose 4 characters in the image and write **4 complete sentences** that tell what they *did yesterday* by **using an irregular past tense verb** (e.g. The cow **woke** up in the morning).

Directions: The following verbs have been written incorrectly to tell about the past tense. Correct them by writing them in their irregular past tense form.

goed	
seed	
growed	
doed	
begined	
cutted	
runned	
sayed	

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Irregular Past Tense Verbs

went
saw
grew
did
began
cut
ran
said

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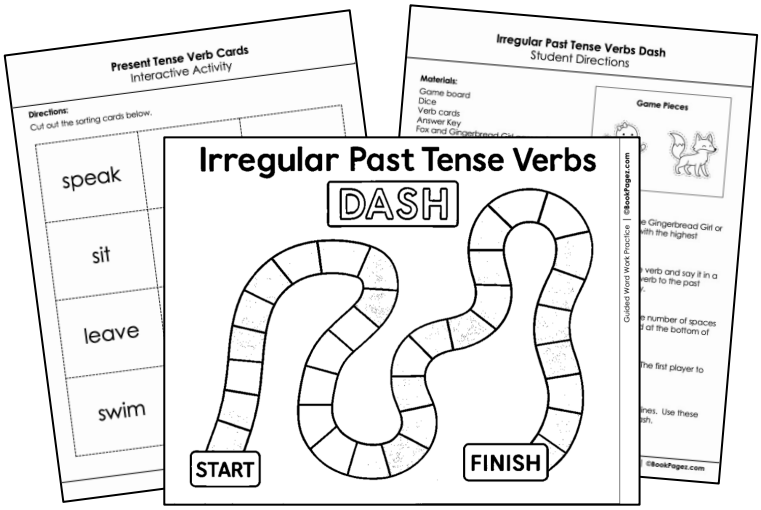
Independent Practice Page and Answer Key



Present Tense Verb Cards
Interactive Activity

Directions:
Cut out the sorting cards below.

speak
sit
leave
swim

Irregular Past Tense Verbs Dash
Student Directions

Materials:
Game board
Dice
Verb cards
Answer Key
Fox and Gingerbread Girl

Game Pieces

Irregular Past Tense Verbs

DASH

START

FINISH

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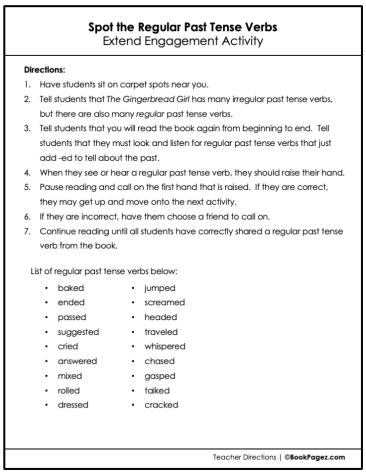
Interactive Activity with Answer Key



Spot the Regular Past Tense Verbs
Extend Engagement Activity

Directions:

1. Have students sit on carpet spots near you.
2. Tell students that *The Gingerbread Girl* has many irregular past tense verbs, but there are also many *regular* past tense verbs.
3. Tell students that you will read the book again from beginning to end. Tell students that they must look and listen for regular past tense verbs that just add -ed to tell about the past.
4. When they see or hear a regular past tense verb, they should raise their hand.
5. Pause reading and call on the first hand that is raised. If they are correct, they may get up and move onto the next activity.
6. If they are incorrect, have them choose a friend to call on.
7. Continue reading until all students have correctly shared a regular past tense verb from the book.

List of regular past tense verbs below:

• baked	• jumped
• ended	• screamed
• passed	• headed
• suggested	• traveled
• cried	• whispered
• answered	• chased
• mixed	• gasped
• rolled	• talked
• dressed	• cracked

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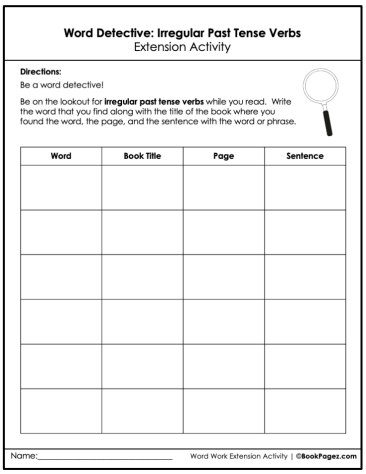
Optional Activity to Extend Engagement



Word Detective: Irregular Past Tense Verbs
Extension Activity

Directions:
Be a word detective!

Be on the lookout for **irregular past tense verbs** while you read. Write the word that you find along with the title of the book where you found the word, the page, and the sentence with the word or phrase.

Word	Book Title	Page	Sentence

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Extension Activity