Verbs are action words. The endings of verbs show whether an action is in the present or the past.

Verbs that show continuing action end in -ing such as:

Are you running to the store?

Verbs that tell something about what happened in the past end in -ed such as:

She stopped by our house yesterday.

Place the verbs in the list below in present and past tense. Remember to double the last letter before adding the ending.

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- Read the sentences below.
- Fill in each blank with the correct verb form to show present or past action. Remember to double the last letter before adding the ending.

**Present Action:**

1. We are___________the metal to make it shiny.
   (rub)

2. Kim is___________rope on the sidewalk.
   (skip)

3. Are you___________to take a long trip?
   (plan)

**Past Action:**

1. I__________a lot of wood for the fireplace.
   (chop)

2. Who__________all these books on the floor?
   (drop)

3. We___________the coins until they looked like new.

3/Correctly Uses Verb Forms/2

Adapted from *Spelling By Writing*, Carl Smith, Family Learning Association, 1998.
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In the sentences below use the right verb form to show present or past action.
Use -ing to show an action that is continuing in the present.
Use -ed to show an action that is in the past.

1. Last week I ___________up my room. (clean)
2. Are they still ___________for the rain to stop? (wait)
3. My socks are ___________in the sink. (soak)
4. I ___________all my money for the pizza. (use)
5. The squirrels are ___________each other in the tree. (chase)
6. We ___________that everything would be all right. (hope)
7. They ___________an hour for the bus to arrive. (wait)
8. I am ___________a new kind of pen. (use)
9. Dad is ___________out the gutters. (clean)
10. I ___________my dog around the yard. (chase)