

4.3 Principal parts of verbs

A verb has **four principal parts**: present, present participle, past, past participle.

present	Present participle	past	Past participle
talk	talking	talked	talked
name	naming	named	named
stop	stopping	stopped	stopped

Present participle:

Add -ing, it is often used with a form of the helping verb be (am, is, are, was, were, and been)

To form the present participle of verbs ending in -e, drop the -e and add -ing

prepare preparing

To form the present participle of a verb ending with a vowel and then a consonant, double the consonant before adding -ing

chop chopping

Past: add -d or -ed to the end of the word

Past Participle: add -d or -ed to the end of the word. The past participle is used with a helping verb