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Spelling

Focus

- Adding the **inflectional ending -ed** to a verb changes it to the past tense. Drop the e if the word ends in e, and then add the -ed ending. If the word ends in a short vowel followed by a single consonant, then double the consonant.
- **Irregular verbs** do not become past tense by adding the inflectional ending -ed. Instead, they change to a different form of the word.
- A prefix changes the meaning of the base word it comes before. The prefix **mid-** means "middle."

Practice

escaped	downloaded	forbade	graduated	crept
financed	communicated	midfield	employed	midsection

On the line, write the correct past tense form of each underlined word.

- forbid** Yesterday I _____ you to go into the forest.
- creep** I _____ into the baby's room while he was sleeping.
- download** Maria _____ an encyclopedia page to help with her science project.
- graduate** After he _____, Jackson went to college.
- communicate** The teacher _____ her expectations for the reports.
- escape** The prisoner _____ from the jail.
- employ** Mr. Roberts is _____ at the local bank.
- finance** The new building was _____ with help from local merchants.

On the line, write the spelling word from the box that is related to each of the following words.

- dissect** _____
- infield** _____