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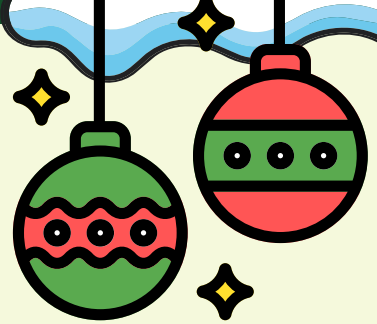






sing

“make music with your voice”

The word **sing** comes from the Old English word **singan**, which meant “**sing or chant**”, often with joy or happiness!

Repeat these sentences after your teacher.

Every day, I sing.

Yesterday, I sang.

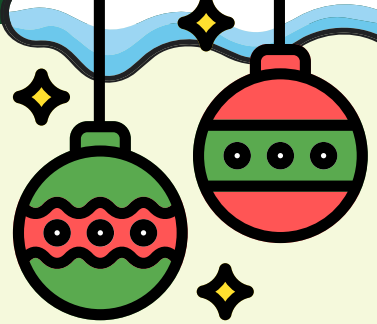
Have you ever sung?

Yes, I have sung.

What do you notice?











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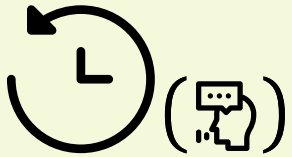
Did you notice that the vowel changes in sing, sang and sung?

Long ago, English developed a way of showing different verb forms by changing the vowel inside a word instead of adding the suffix **-ed**.



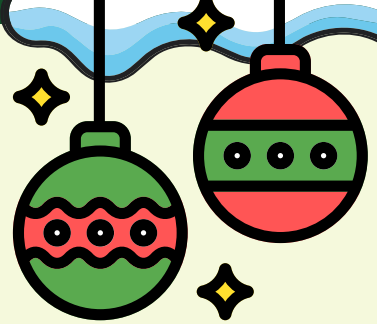
walk → walked
sing → sang

This ancient pattern was used in a group of verbs known as **strong verbs**, which changed their vowels to show different forms.

Other verbs, known as **weak verbs**, used endings such as suffix **-ed** instead.











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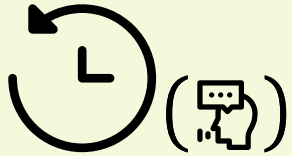
Most English verbs now follow the weak pattern, but we still use some of these ancient strong verbs every day!

Can you think of any? Use the phrases below to help you.

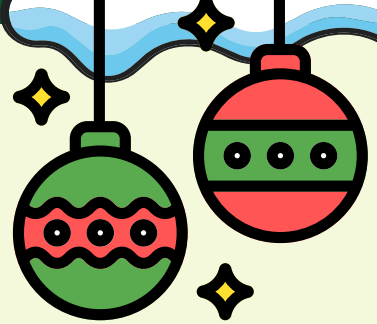
Every day, I sing.
Yesterday, I sang.
Have you ever sung?
Yes, I have sung.



A weak verb will end in suffix **-ed**, but a strong verb will do something different.









Let's read some sentences containing base **sing**.



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The children love to **sing** their favourite songs during music lessons.

Some birds begin to **sing** as soon as the Sun rises.

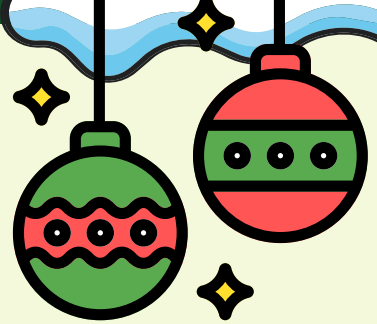
You don't have to be a brilliant musician to enjoy a good **sing**!

Whenever she feels happy, she likes to **sing** at the top of her voice.

Can you use the word sing in a sentence?









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What suffixing rules do we need to think about when we build words using base **sing**?



sing +  **er** = _____

"make music with your voice"

"one who or something that"



sing + 2+ **s** = _____

"make music with your voice"

"more than one or present simple tense"





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How did you do?



sing

"make music with your voice"

+



er =

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singer



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+ 2+ **s** =

"more than one or present simple tense"

sings





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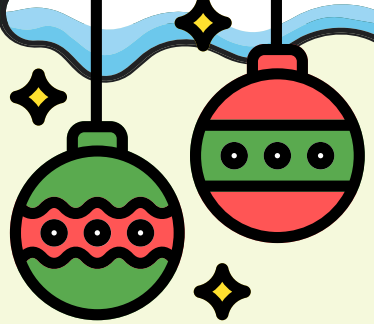



We've spent 24 days discovering the stories hidden inside **Christmas**[s] ⊕ **y** words.

Can you think of a Christmas song containing some of the words we've explored?



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joy	frost	light	merry	eve
mage	angel	reindeer	wreath	wrap
snow	festive	elf	candle	advent
babe	solstice	December	star	sing
mass	present	Santa Claus	nativity	



