

Past Tense of Write: Wrote and Written

Write is an irregular verb. Use wrote for a finished action in the past. Use written after have or has, as in I have written an email.

Base	write
Past	wrote
Past participle	written
3rd person / -ing	writes / writing

Examples

I write a short email every morning. — Every morning describes a routine, so use write.

We write our names at the top of the page. — Write is the base form with we, you, they and I.

She wrote a letter to her grandmother. — Wrote is a finished action; it does not need have.

He wrote down my phone number. — Write down means to put something on paper so you remember it.

I have written three messages today. — After have, the participle is written, with two t letters.

The teacher has written the date on the board. — Has written links the action to now: the date is there.

Notes

Wrote or written? Wrote stands alone: She wrote a note. Written needs have, has or had: She has written a note. The same pattern works for drive, ride and take.

Write to, write down In American English you can write a friend, but write to a friend is also correct and is the only form in British English. Write down means put on paper.

Common mistakes

I have wrote a postcard. → I have written a postcard. — After have, use the past participle written, not the past form wrote.

She writed a song last night. → She wrote a song last night. — Write is irregular; its past form is wrote, never writed.

Exercises

Choose the right form

1. Yesterday I ___ a note to my teacher. (write / wrote / written)
2. He has ___ his name on the form. (wrote / written / writed)
3. They ___ emails at work every day. (write / wrote / written)
4. She ___ a story last night. (written / write / wrote)

Write the missing form

1. We have ___ all the answers.
2. My sister ___ me a long letter last week.
3. I ___ a short story every night.

Correct the mistake

1. He has wrote a long story.

Answer key

Choose the right form

1. wrote — Yesterday is a finished past time, so use wrote.
2. written — Has takes the past participle written.
3. write — Every day describes a present routine: they write.
4. wrote — Last night is finished, so use wrote; written needs have or has.

Write the missing form

1. written — Have plus the past participle is have written.
2. wrote — Last week takes the past simple wrote.
3. write — A regular habit in the present uses write.

Correct the mistake

1. written — After has, use written, not wrote.

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