

Other Uses of -Ed Endings

You know that we add *-ed* endings to regular verbs, or change the form of irregular verbs to show past tense. In the last exercise, you also practiced using the past participle after *have* or *has*. We also use *-ed* endings in two other patterns:

Pattern 1: Verb forms following the helping verbs *be* and *get*.

Some verbs have two parts, first a helping verb—a form of *to be* or *to get*—and then a main verb. The main verb has an *-ed* or *-ed* ending (the past participle), no matter what tense the helping verb is.

- Examples:
- a. In my favorite restaurant, the meals *are served* quickly.
 - b. Last year an award *was given to* the restaurant, and the chef *was thrilled when* his innovative recipes won the award.
 - c. Laura *got bored* with her job as a secretary.
 - d. Laura *was hired* by a restaurant.
 - e. Now Laura *gets paid* very well for her work.

Reminder: In each of the sentences, the time of the action—the tense—is shown by the form of *to be* or *to get* (the helping verb). The main verb always has a past participle ending: *are served* and *was given*, for example.

In all of the above sentences, the subject does not do the action in the verb; rather, the subject receives the action in the verb. If we made the subject the doer of the action in the verb, we would write the sentences differently. Compare the following lists:

<u>Subject Does the Action</u>	<u>Subject Receives the Action</u>
a. The waiter served the meals.	The meals <i>are served</i> .
b. Someone gave an award to the restaurant.	The award <i>was given</i> .
c. The award thrilled the chef.	The chef <i>was thrilled</i> .
d. Her secretarial job bored Laura.	Laura <i>got bored</i> .
e. A restaurant hired Laura.	Laura <i>was hired</i> .
f. The new boss pays her well.	Laura <i>gets paid</i> well.

When the subject receives the action in the verb, we use a form of the helping verb *be* or *get* followed by the past participle.

Exercise 5

First underline any forms of *have*, *be* or *get*, and make sure that the main verbs following them have *-ed* endings or irregular past participle endings.

incorrect: I was hire by the phone company, but I haven't begin the job yet.
correct: **I was hired** by the phone company, but I haven't **begun the job** yet.

1. I always get bore during the lectures in my economics class.
2. A whole family of mice has occupied my kitchen.
3. Many adults are prejudice against the music their children listen to.
4. The city's plan to build a new baseball stadium has backfire.
5. Rock singers are often stereotype as stupid and rebellious.
6. In my role as a student, I try to be well-prepare for classes, quizzes and tests.
7. In his new apartment, Jim won't be disturb by the neighbors because the ceilings have been soundproof.
8. Carla has took many books out of the library, but she hasn't return any of them.
9. Sometimes I get frustrate when I try to write term papers.
10. The new stadium will be pay for with municipal bonds.