

Yy

year 1

- ✗ I've been playing the piano since I was seven years.
- ✓ **I've been playing the piano since I was seven.**
- ✓ **I've been playing the piano since I was seven years old.**
- ✓ **I've been playing the piano since I was seven years of age.**

When stating someone's age, use just a number on its own OR a number + **years old/years of age** (NOT **years**): 'I'm almost eighteen.' 'My sister is fifteen years old.'

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- ✗ Robert was a little boy of ten years.
- ✓ **Robert was a little boy of ten.**

a boy/girl/son etc + of + number (WITHOUT **years**): 'a child of six', 'a man of fifty'

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See AGE 2, 6, 7

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See OLD 1, 2

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See Language Note at TIME

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See RECENT

yearly

- ✗ More houses are built yearly.
- ✓ **More houses are built every year.**
- ✗ Thousands of people die from cancer yearly.
- ✓ **Thousands of people die from cancer every year.**

Yearly usually means that something is done or takes place once a year: 'The interest is paid yearly or, if you prefer, every six months.' 'The front of the house was getting its yearly coat of white paint.'

Yearly is also used to connect a total number or amount with a period of one year: 'We were manufacturing and selling about 20,000 tonnes yearly.' 'The yearly catch rose to a peak of 52,000 tonnes.'

When you simply want to say that something happens 'all the time', use **every year** or **each year** (NOT **yearly**): 'The country's tourist industry is growing every year.'

yet 1

- ✗ He left the house at five in the morning, when the family was yet asleep.
- ✓ **He left the house at five in the morning, when the family was still asleep.**
- ✗ I've only been here two weeks and everything is strange yet.
- ✓ **I've only been here two weeks and everything is still strange.**

Yet means 'up to the moment of speaking' and is used mainly in ques-

tions and negative sentences: 'Do you feel any better yet?' 'The post office isn't open yet.'

When you want to say that an earlier state or situation has not changed, use **still**: 'I've taken the medicine but I still feel terrible.' 'Does Hilary still go to the same school?'

2

- ✗ I didn't finish my thesis yet.
- ✓ **I haven't finished my thesis yet.**

Yet (= up to the moment of speaking) is usually used with the present or present perfect tense (NOT the past tense): 'Has the taxi arrived yet?' 'Is the taxi here yet?'

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See note at BUT

yours 1

- ✗ Dear Mary ... Yours faithfully ...
- ✓ **Dear Mary ... Yours/With love/With best wishes ...**
- ✗ Dear John, ... Yours sincerely ...
- ✓ **Dear John, ... Yours/With love/With best wishes ...**

Yours faithfully and **Yours sincerely** are used only in formal letters.

At the end of a letter to a friend or relative, use **Yours, With love, With best wishes, etc.**

2

- ✗ Dear Sir, ... Yours,
- ✓ **Dear Sir, ... Yours faithfully,**

When a formal letter begins with **Dear Sir** or **Dear Madam**, it usually ends with **Yours faithfully**.

youth

- ✗ There'll be a lot of youths at the party and so you should be able to enjoy yourself.
- ✓ **There'll be a lot of young people at the party and so you should be able to enjoy yourself.**
- ✗ Life in a city is more interesting for the youth because there are more things to do.
- ✓ **Life in a city is more interesting for young people because there are more things to do.**

Youth (countable) is used, often in a disapproving way, to refer to a boy/young man between the ages of about fifteen and twenty: 'He was attacked and robbed by a gang of youths.'

Youth (uncountable) is used mainly in formal styles to refer to all young people considered as a group in society: 'The youth of industrialized nations need to be made aware of global problems.'

The usual phrase for 'people between the ages of about fifteen and twenty' is **young people**: 'These holidays are designed for young people like yourselves.'

366 List of common misspellings

Spelling

Error

absent (for noun)

accomodation

acheive

acheivement

adress

advance (for adj)

advertisment

air port/air-port

allready

allready

allways

anymore

anytime

apologise (for noun)

apartment

appearence

approch

approximatly

begining

beleive

cancel

carrear

carrer

comittee

completly

curiosity

definitely

dependant (for adj)

descendent

desperatly

develope

diner (for meal)

dinning room

disapear

disapointed

discribe

downstair

ect

embarass/-ed/-ing

exite

exited

exiting

exitment

fondamental

forsee

forth

fortunatly

Correction

absence

accommodation

achieve

achievement

address

advanced

advertisement

airport

already

all ready

always

any more

any time

apologies

apartment

appearance

approach

approximately

beginning

believe

cancel

career

career

committee

completely

curiosity

definitely

dependent

descendant

desperately

develop

dinner

dining room

disappear

disappointed

describe

downstairs

etc

embarrass/-ed/-ing

excite

excited

exciting

excitement

fundamental

foresee

fourth

fortunately

Spelling

Error

fourty

freind

futur

garantee

goverment

greatful

habitant

influenial

immediatly

independant

independance

laught

license (n, AmE)

lightening

mathematic

mean

medecine

misterious

mistery

neclear

nowaday

nowdays

occured

offered

old fashion

old fashioned

oposite

ourself/s

payed

physic

prefered

principle

pronounciation

promblem

proplem

realy

recieve

refered

responsability

responsable

resturant

seperate

shinning

sincerly

sometime

specialy

stoped

Correction

forty

friend

future

guarantee

government

grateful

inhabitant

influential

immediately

independent

independence

laughed

licence (n, BrE)

lightning

mathematics

means (method)

medicine

mysterious

mystery

nuclear

nowadays

nowadays

occurred

offered

old-fashioned

old-fashioned

opposite

ourselves

paid

physics

preferred

principal (college)

pronunciation

problem

problem

really

receive

referred

responsibility

responsible

restaurant

separate

shining

sincerely

sometimes

specially

stopped

Spelling

Error	Correction
strenght	strength
succesful	successful
surprise	surprised (adj)
teaher	teacher
technic	technique
theif	thief
theiresself/s	themselves
themself	themselves
thier/ther	their
ther	there
therefor	therefore
throught	through
tittle	title
transferred	transferred
truely	truly
tryed	tried
uncurable	incurable
undoubtly	undoubtedly
unfortunatly	unfortunately
unpolite	impolite
untill	until
weeding	wedding
wellcome	welcome
wether	weather
wether	whether
wich	which
wifes	wives
wolfs	wolves
wonderfull	wonderful
writting	writing
yourselves	yourselves

Word division

Error	Correction
allready	all ready
allright	all right
an other	another
any body	anybody
anymore	any more
anytime	any time
back ground	background
base ball	baseball
basket ball	basketball
boy friend	boyfriend
boy-friend	boyfriend
business man	businessman
business woman	businesswoman
can not	cannot, can't
country side	countryside
eventhough	even though
foot-ball	football
further more	furthermore
girl friend	girlfriend
girl-friend	girlfriend
grand father	grandfather
grand-father	grandfather
grand mother	grandmother
grand-mother	grandmother
grand parent	grandparent
grand-parent	grandparent
head quarters	headquarters
home land	homeland
home sick	homesick
infact	in fact
inspite of	in spite of
more over	moreover
no body	nobody
rain coat	raincoat
soft ball	softball
some body	somebody
some thing	something
some times	sometimes
thankyou	thank you
there fore	therefore
under ground	underground
under stand	understand
where as	whereas
wild life	wildlife
work force	workforce
worth while	worthwhile

368 List of irregular verbs

The list below shows those verbs that have irregular past tense, PAST PARTICIPLE, or PRESENT PARTICIPLE forms. The INFINITIVE form is shown first, e.g. **begin**.

2 = past tense, e.g. *As I was walking home it **began** to rain.*

3 = past participle, e.g. *It had **already begun** to rain before I left home.*

4 = present participle, e.g. *It is **just beginning** to rain now.*

The number 2/3 means that the past tense and past participle are the same form.

abide ¹ 2/3 abided 4 abiding	eat 2 ate 3 eaten 4 eating
abide ² 2 abode 3 abided 4 abiding	fall 2 fell 3 fallen 4 falling
arise 2 arose 3 arisen 4 arising	feed 2/3 fed 4 feeding
awake 2 awoke or awaked 3 awaked or awoken	feel 2/3 felt 4 feeling
4 awaking	fight 2/3 fought 4 fighting
be - see BE	find 2/3 found 4 finding
bear 2 bore 3 borne 4 bearing	flee 2/3 fled 4 fleeing
beat 2 beat 3 beaten or beat 4 beating	fling 2/3 flung 4 flinging
become 2 became 3 become 4 becoming	fly 2 flew 3 flown 4 flying
befall 2 befell 3 befallen 4 befalling	forbear 2 forbore 3 forbore 4 forbearing
begin 2 began 3 begun 4 beginning	forbid 2 forbade or forbid 3 forbidden or forbid
behold 2/3 beheld 4 beholding	4 forbidding
bend 2/3 bent 4 bending	forecast 2/3 forecast or forecasted 4 forecasting
bereave 3 bereaved or bereft 4 bereaving	foresee 2 foresaw 3 foreseen 4 foreseeing
beseech 2/3 besought or beseeched 4 beseeching	foretell 2/3 foretold 4 foretelling
beset 2/3 beset 4 besetting	forget 2 forgot 3 forgotten 4 forgetting
bet 2/3 bet or betted 4 betting	forgive 2 forgave 3 forgiven 4 forgiving
bid ¹ 2/3 bid 4 bidding	forsake 2 forsook 3 forsaken 4 forsaking
bid ² 2 bade or bid 3 bidden or bid 4 bidding	foreswear 2 forswore 3 forsworn 4 forswearing
bide 2 bode or bided 3 bided 4 biding	freeze 2 froze 3 frozen 4 freezing
bind 2/3 bound 4 binding	get 2 got 3 got <i>esp. BrE</i> gotten <i>AmE</i> 4 getting
bite 2 bit 3 bitten 4 biting	gild 2/3 gilded or gilt 4 gilding
bleed 2/3 bled 4 bleeding	give 2 gave 3 given 4 giving
bless 2/3 blessed or blest 4 blessing	go 2 went 3 gone 4 going
blow 2 blew 3 blown 4 blowing	grind 2/3 ground 4 grinding
break 2 broke 3 broken 4 breaking	grow 2 grew 3 grown 4 growing
breed 2/3 bred 4 breeding	hang ¹ 2/3 hung 4 hanging
bring 2/3 brought 4 bringing	hang ² 2/3 hanged 4 hanging
broadcast 2/3 broadcast also broadcasted <i>AmE</i>	have - see HAVE
4 broadcasting	hear 2/3 heard 4 hearing
build 3 built 4 building	heave ¹ 2/3 heaved 4 heaving
burn 3 burnt or burned 4 burning	heave ² 2/3 hove 4 heaving
burst 3 burst 4 bursting	hew 2 hewed 3 hewed or hewn 4 hewing
buy 3 bought 4 buying	hide 2 hid 3 hidden 4 hiding
cast 2/3 cast 4 casting	hit 2/3 hit 4 hitting
catch 2/3 caught 4 catching	hold 2/3 held 4 holding
chide 2 chided or chid 3 chid or chidden also chided	hurt 2/3 hurt 4 hurting
<i>AmE</i> 4 chiding	keep 2/3 kept 4 keeping
choose 2 chose 3 chosen 4 choosing	kneel 2/3 knelt also kneeled <i>AmE</i> 4 kneeling
cleave 2 cleaved or cleft or clove 3 cleaved or cleft or	knit 2/3 knit or knitted 4 knitting
cloven 4 cleaving	know 2 knew 3 known 4 knowing
cling 2/3 clung 4 clinging	lay 2/3 laid 4 laying
clothe 2 clothed also clad <i>AmE</i> 3 clad also clothed	lead 2/3 led 4 leading
<i>AmE</i> 4 clothing	lean 2/3 leant <i>esp. BrE</i> leaned <i>esp. AmE</i> 4 leaning
come 2 came 3 come 4 coming	leap 2/3 leapt <i>esp. BrE</i> leaped <i>esp. AmE</i> 4 leaping
cost 2/3 cost 4 costing	learn 2/3 learned or learnt 4 learning
creep 2/3 crept 4 creeping	leave 2/3 left 4 leaving
cut 2/3 cut 4 cutting	lend 2/3 lent 4 lending
dare 2/3 dared 4 daring	let 2/3 let 4 letting
deal 2/3 dealt 4 dealing	lie ¹ 2 lay 3 lain 4 lying
dig 2/3 dug 4 digging	lie ² 2/3 lied 4 lying
dive 2 dived also dove <i>AmE</i> 3 dived 4 diving	light 2/3 lie or lighted 4 lighting
do - see DO	lose 2/3 lost 4 losing
draw 2 drew 3 drawn 4 drawing	make 2/3 made 4 making
dream 2/3 dreamed or dreamt 4 dreaming	mean 2/3 meant 4 meaning
drink 2 drank 3 drunk 4 drinking	meet 2/3 met 4 meeting
drive 2 drove 3 driven 4 driving	mislay 2/3 mislaid 4 mislaying
dwell 2/3 dwelt or dwelled 4 dwelling	mislead 2/3 misled 4 misleading

- misspell 2/3 misspelt or misspelled 4 misspelling
 misspend 2/3 misspent 4 misspending
 mistake 2 mistook 3 mistaken 4 mistaking
 misunderstand 2/3 misunderstood 4 misunderstanding
 mow 2 mowed 3 mown or mowed 4 mowing
 outbid 2 outbid 3 outbid || also outbitten *AmE*
 4 outbidding
 outdo 2 outdid 3 outdone 4 outdoing
 outshine 2/3 outshone 4 outshining
 overcome 2 overcame 3 overcome 4 overcoming
 overdo 2 overdid 3 overdone 4 overdoing
 overhang 2/3 overhung 4 overhanging
 overhear 2/3 overheard 4 overhearing
 override 2 overrode 3 overridden 4 overriding
 overrun 2 overran 3 overrun 4 overrunning
 oversee 2 oversaw 3 overseen 4 overseeing
 overshoot 2/3 overshot 4 overshooting
 oversleep 2/3 overslept 4 oversleeping
 overtake 2 overtook 3 overtaken 4 overtaking
 overthrow 2 overthrew 3 overthrown 4 overthrowing
 partake 2 partook 3 partaken 4 partaking
 pay 2/3 paid 4 paying
 prove 2 proved 3 proved or proven 4 proving
 put 2/3 put 4 putting
 quit 2/3 quit 3 quit or quitted 4 quitting
 read 2/3 read 4 reading
 rebuild 2/3 rebuilt 4 rebuilding
 redo 2 redid 3 redone 4 redoing
 relay 2/3 relayed 4 relaying
 remake 2/3 remade 4 remaking
 rend 2/3 rent || also rended *AmE* 4 rending
 repay 2/3 repaid 4 repaying
 rewrite 2 rewrote 3 rewritten 4 rewriting
 rid 2 rid or ridded 3 rid 4 ridding
 ride 2 rode 3 ridden 4 riding
 ring 2/3 ringed 4 ringing
 ring 2 rang 3 rung 4 ringing
 rise 2 rose 3 risen 4 rising
 run 2 ran 3 run 4 running
 saw 2 sawed 3 sawn || also sawed *AmE* 4 sawing
 say 2/3 said 4 saying
 see 2 saw 3 seen 4 seeing
 seek 2/3 sought 4 seeking
 sell 2/3 sold 4 selling
 send 2/3 sent 4 sending
 set 2/3 set 4 setting
 sew 2 sewed 3 sewn || also sewed *AmE* 4 sewing
 shake 2 shook 3 shaken 4 shaking
 shave 2/3 shaved 4 shaving
 shear 2 sheared 3 sheared or shorn 4 shearing
 shed 2/3 shed 4 shedding
 shine 2/3 shone 4 shining
 shine 2/3 shined 4 shining
 shoot 2/3 shot 4 shooting
 show 2 showed 3 shown || also showed *AmE* 4 showing
 shrink 2 shrank or shrunk 3 shrunk or shrunken
 4 shrinking
 shut 2/3 shut 4 shutting
 sing 2 sang 3 sung 4 singing
 sink 2 sank || also sunk *AmE* 3 sunk || also sunken *AmE*
 4 sinking
 sit 2/3 sat 4 sitting
 slay 2 slew 3 slain 4 slaying
 sleep 2/3 slept 4 sleeping
 slide 2/3 slid 4 sliding
 sling 2/3 slung 4 slinging
 slink 2/3 slunk 4 slinking
 slit 2/3 slit 4 slitting
 smell 2/3 smelt *esp. BrE* || smelled *esp. AmE* 4 smelling
 smite 2 smote 3 smitten || also smote *AmE* 4 smiting
 sow 2 sowed 3 sown or sowed 4 sowing
 speak 2 spoke 3 spoken 4 speaking
 speed 2/3 sped || also speeded *AmE* 4 speeding
 spell 2/3 spelt *esp. BrE* || spelled *esp. AmE* 4 spelling
 spend 2/3 spent 4 spending
 spill 2/3 spilled or spilt 4 spilling
 spin 2/3 spun 4 spinning
 spit 2/3 spat || also spit *AmE* 4 spitting
 split 2/3 split 4 splitting
 spoil 2/3 spoiled or spoilt 4 spoiling
 spread 2/3 spread 4 spreading
 spring 2 sprang || also sprung *AmE* 3 sprung
 4 springing
 stand 2/3 stood 4 standing
 steal 2 stole 3 stolen 4 stealing
 stick 2/3 stuck 4 sticking
 sting 2/3 stung 4 stinging
 stink 2 stank or stunk 3 stunk 4 stinking
 strew 2 strewed 3 strewn or strewed 4 strewing
 stride 2 strode 3 stridden 4 striding
 strike 2 struck 3 struck || also stricken *AmE* 4 striking
 string 2/3 strung 4 stringing
 strive 2 strove 3 striven || also strived *AmE* 4 striving
 swear 2 swore 3 sworn 4 swearing
 sweep 2/3 swept 4 sweeping
 swell 2 swelled 3 swollen or swelled 4 swelling
 swim 2 swam 3 swum 4 swimming
 swing 2/3 swung 4 swinging
 take 2 took 3 taken 4 taking
 teach 2/3 taught 4 teaching
 tear 2 tore 3 torn 4 tearing
 tell 2/3 told 4 telling
 think 2/3 thought 4 thinking
 thrive 2 thrived or thrived 3 thrived or thriven 4 thriving
 throw 2 threw 3 thrown 4 throwing
 thrust 2/3 thrust 4 thrusting
 tread 2 trod 3 trodden or trod 4 treading
 unbend 2/3 unbent 4 unbending
 undergo 2 underwent 3 undergone 4 undergoing
 understand 2/3 understood 4 understanding
 undertake 2 undertook 3 undertaken 4 undertaking
 undo 2 undid 3 undone 4 undoing
 unwind 2/3 unwound 4 unwinding
 uphold 2/3 upheld 4 upholding
 upset 2/3 upset 4 upsetting
 wake 2 woke or waked 3 woken or waked 4 waking
 waylay 2/3 waylaid 4 waylaying
 wear 2 wore 3 worn 4 wearing
 weave¹ 2 wove 3 woven 4 weaving
 weave² 2/3 weaved 4 weaving
 wed 2/3 wedded or wed 4 wedding
 weep 2/3 wept 4 weeping
 wet 2/3 wet or wetted 4 wetting
 win 2/3 won 4 winning
 wind¹ 2/3 winded 4 winding
 wind² 2/3 wound 4 winding
 withdraw 2 withdrew 3 withdrawn 4 withdrawing
 withhold 2/3 withheld 4 withholding
 withstand 2/3 withstood 4 withstanding
 wring 2/3 wrung 4 wringing
 write 2 wrote 3 written 4 writing