

# Fishing for Regular Past Tense Verb Pronunciation

I, like all English language teachers, spend a lot of time on irregular past tense verbs. Conversely, I've generally spent very little time on regular past tense verbs. This wasn't a huge problem, until I started paying closer attention to my students' pronunciation of them. Learning how to properly pronounce the ending of regular past tense verbs takes time and practice. This game allows students to practice forming regular past tense verbs and pronouncing them. (For the purposes of this game, I am considering all verbs needing either a -d or -ed added to the end as regular. Some would also require changing a y to an i or doubling a consonant, but writing the verbs is not the focus of this game.) My students have always loved [fishing for contractions](#), so I decided to make a version of it to practice pronouncing regular past tense verbs! This game includes 290 different verbs, so you can adjust the length of play by choosing how many cards to include in each round. You can play the game with just the cards but it's much cooler if you make your own fishing pond! To make the ponds I took empty oatmeal containers and spray painted them blue. I then used leftover paint, and my very limited painting abilities, to paint sand, fish, and seaweed.

To play the game:

1. Print and laminate the cards. (I recommend [cold lamination](#) as it's thicker and doesn't peel after being cut through.) Cut the cards apart.
2. Mix the cards and place them into some type of container (the ponds you create, a bowl, a box, etc.) or place them upside down on the table.
3. The first student draws a card and, depending on the level of play, either states the past tense form of the verb or makes a sentence using the past tense form of the verb. He/she then states whether the -ed ending is pronounced as /t/, /d/, or /id/.
4. If the student's response is correct (there's an answer chart included for reference, if needed), he/she keeps the card and it becomes part of his/her catch. If he/she is not correct, the card is returned to the pond.
5. If a student draws out a shark card, the shark and all of the student's caught fish (his/her catch pile) go into the discard pile. (There are 10 shark cards included, you can adjust the difficulty of the game by adjusting how many sharks are included in each pond.)
6. When no fish are left in the pond the student with the most fish in his/her catch pile is the winner.



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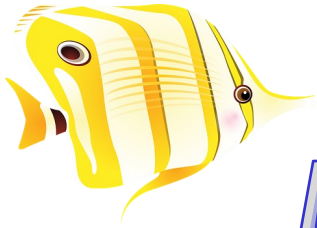
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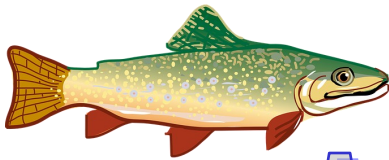
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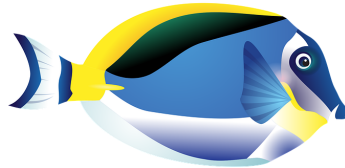
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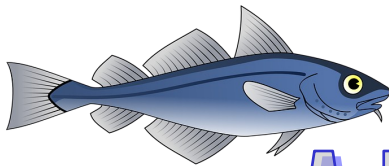
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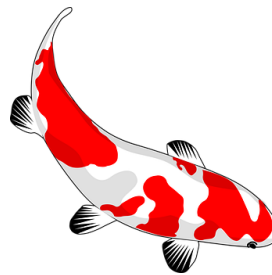
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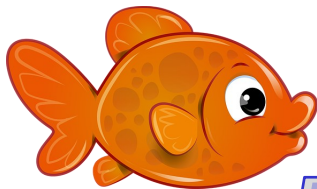
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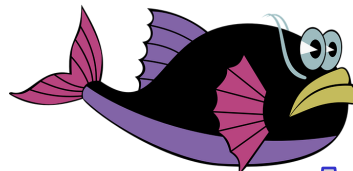
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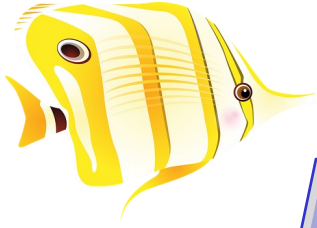
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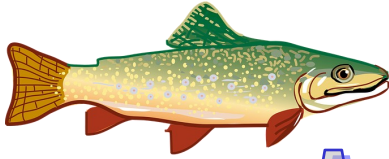
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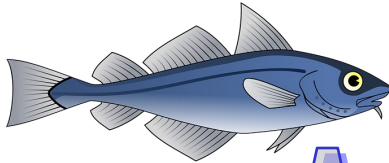
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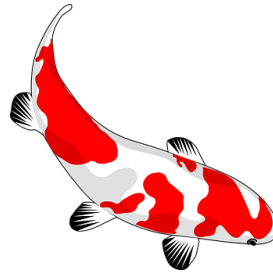
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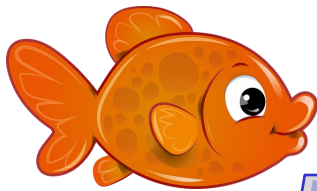
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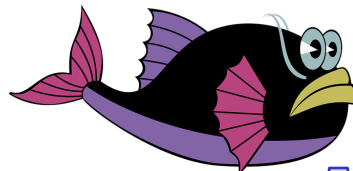
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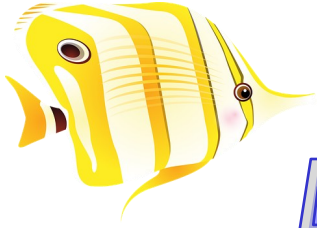
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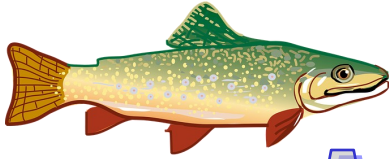
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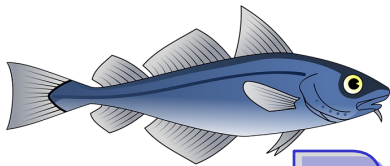
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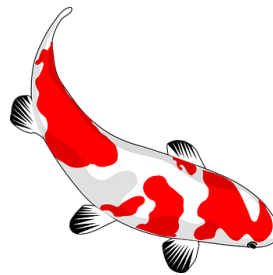
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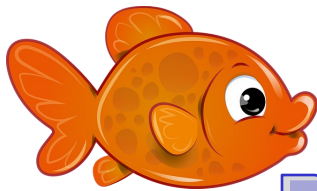
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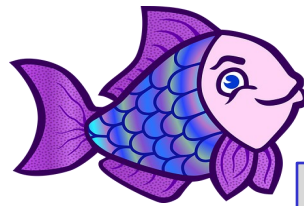
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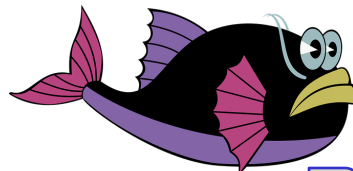
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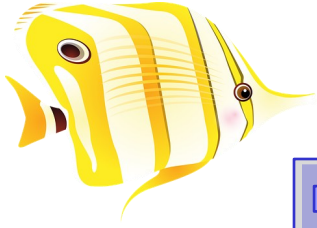


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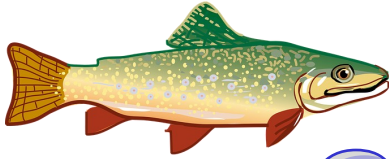




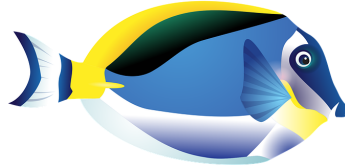
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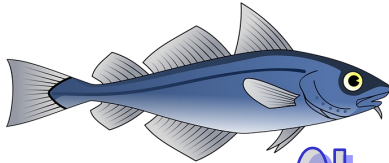
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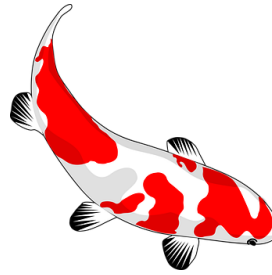
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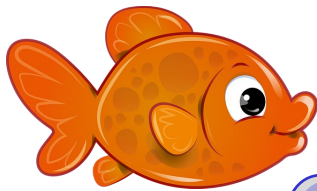
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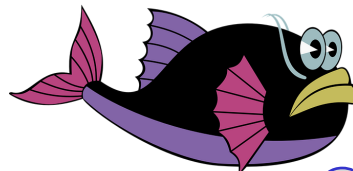
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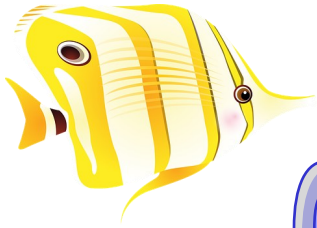
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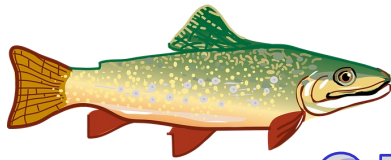
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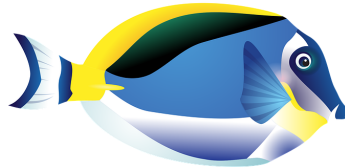
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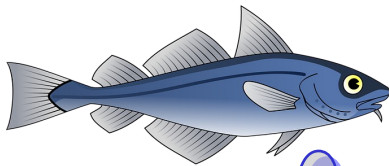
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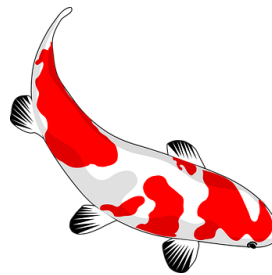
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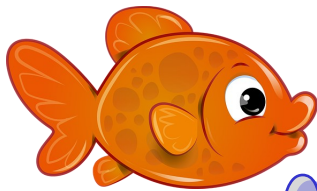
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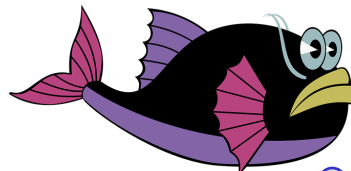
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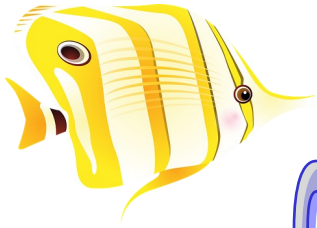
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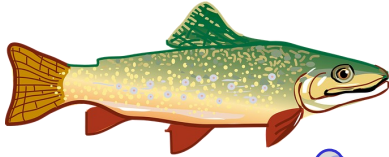
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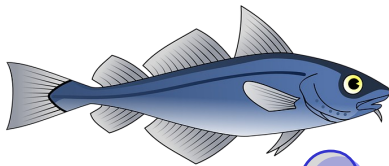
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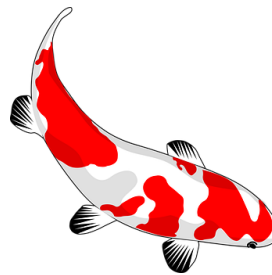
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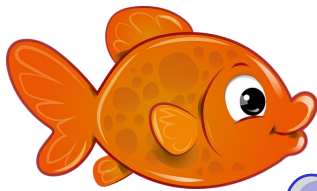
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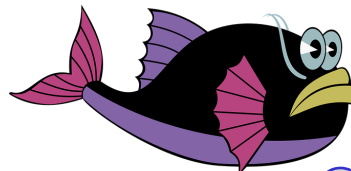
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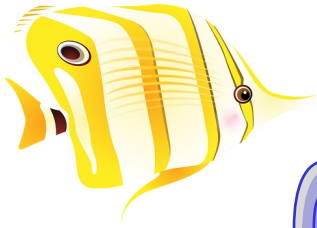


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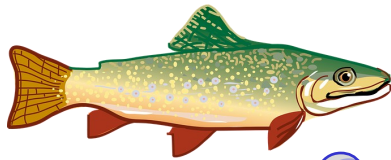




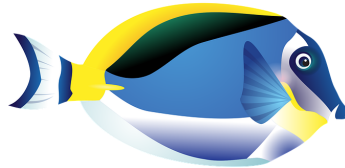
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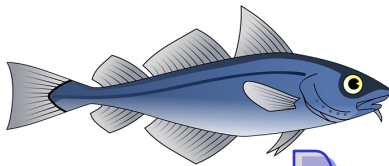
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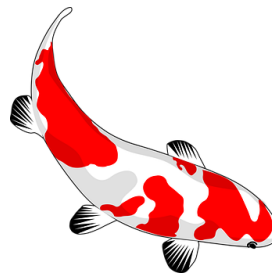
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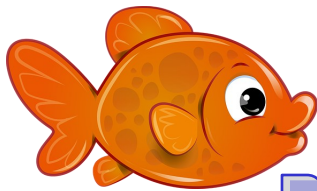
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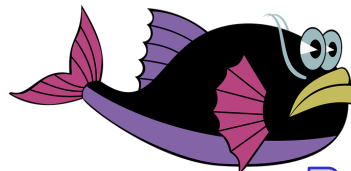
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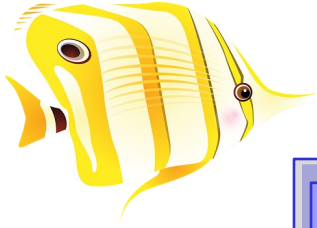
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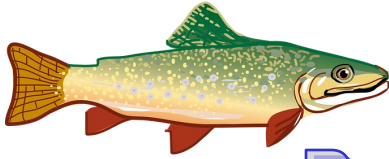
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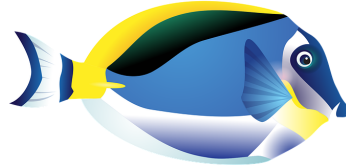
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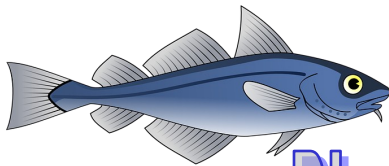
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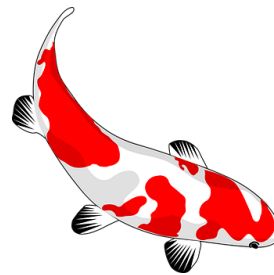
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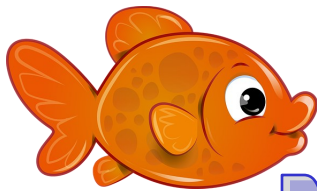
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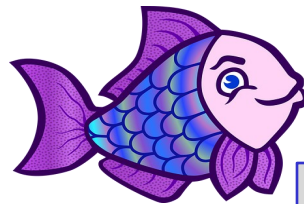
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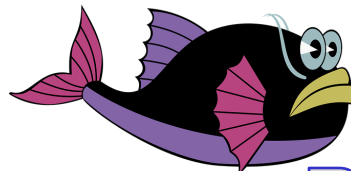
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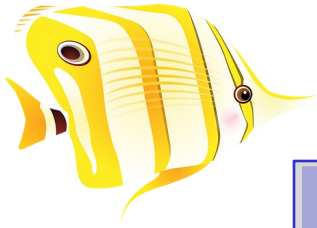
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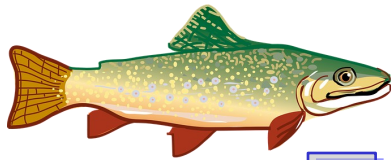
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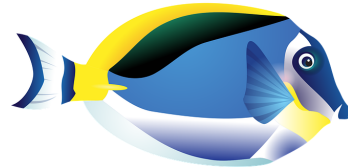
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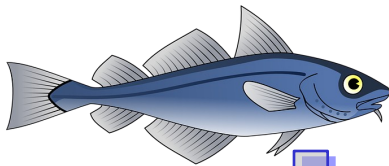
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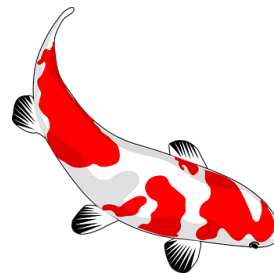
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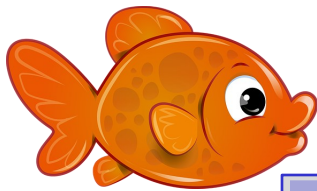
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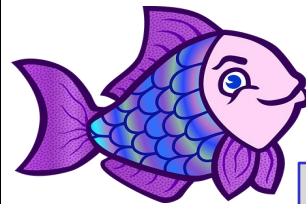
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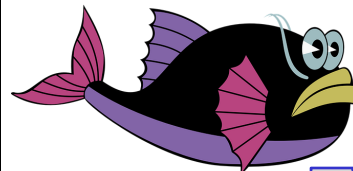
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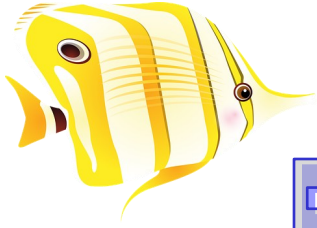
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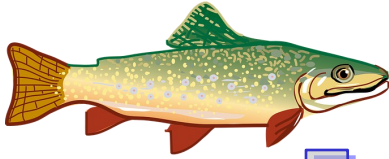
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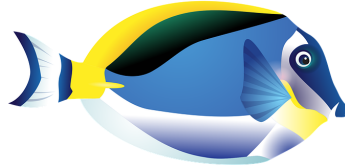
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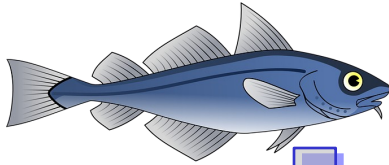
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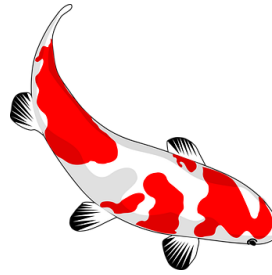
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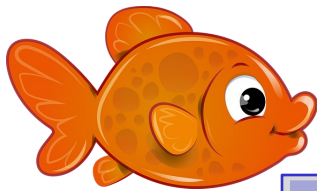
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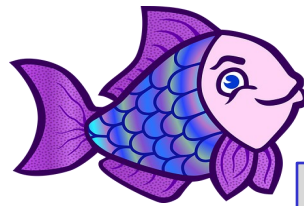
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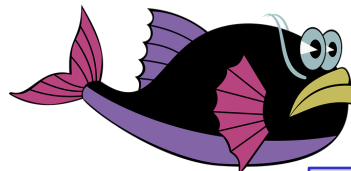
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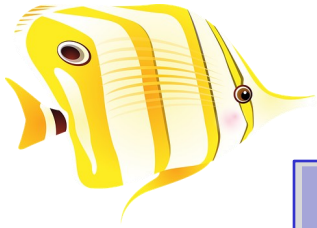
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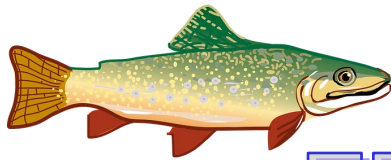
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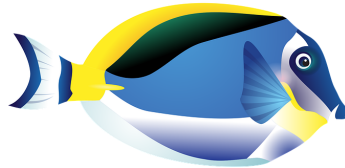
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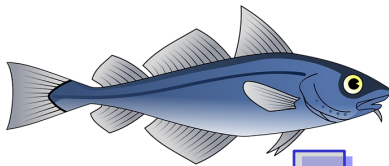
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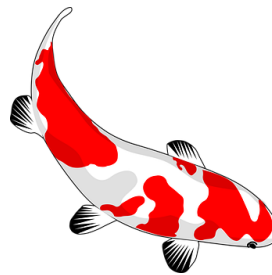
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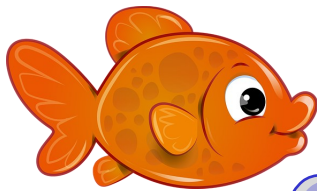
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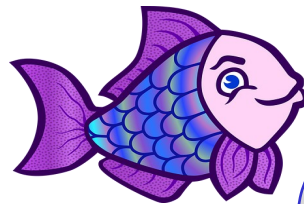
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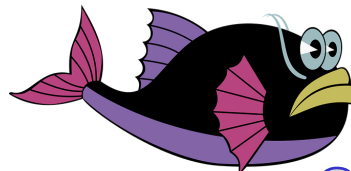
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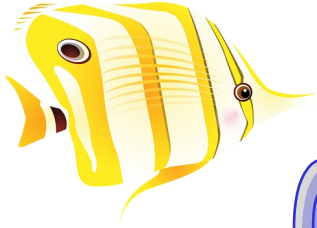


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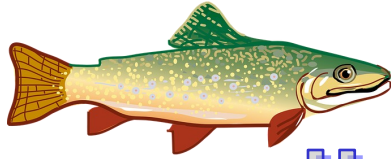




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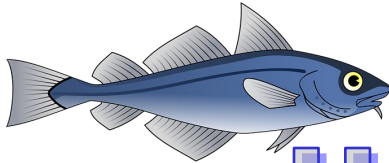
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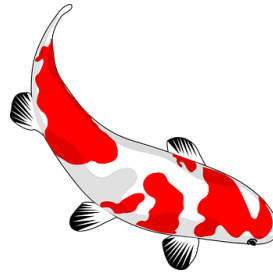
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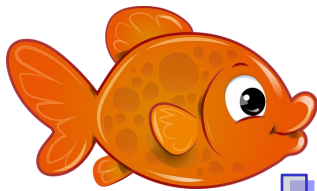
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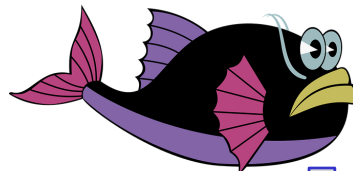
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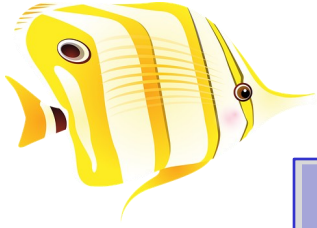
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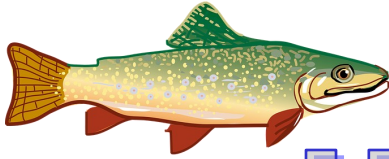
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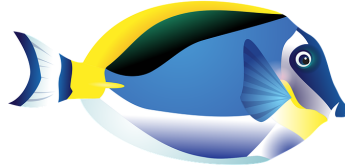
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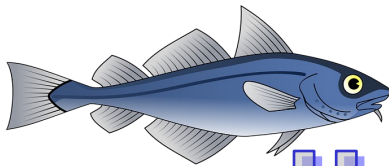
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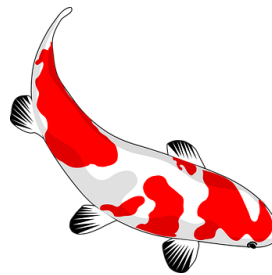
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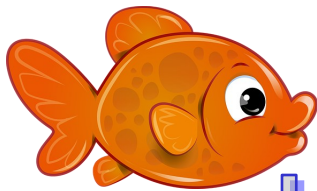
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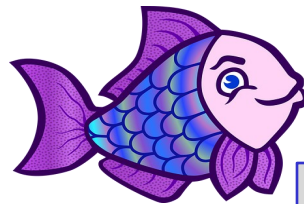
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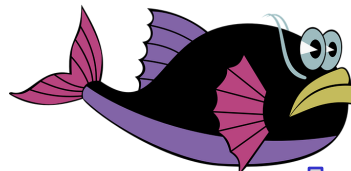
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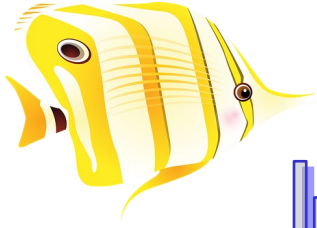
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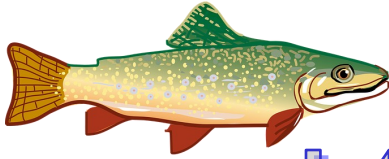
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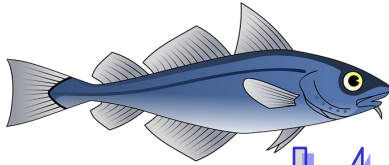
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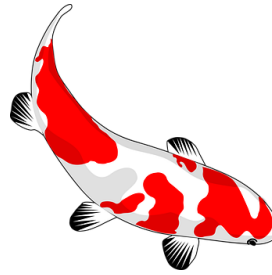
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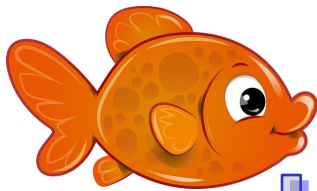
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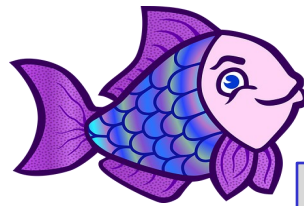
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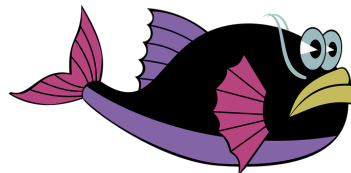
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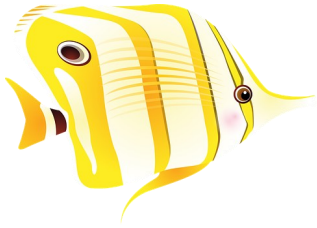
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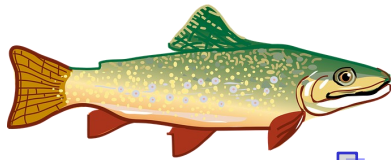
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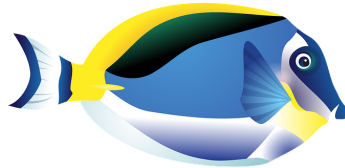
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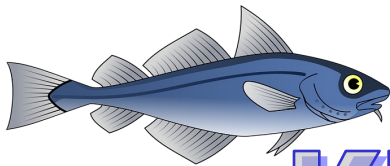
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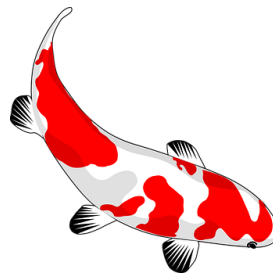
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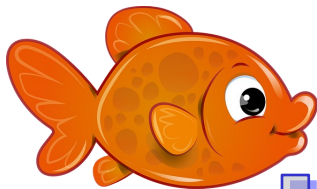
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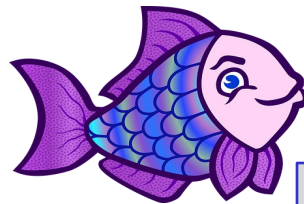
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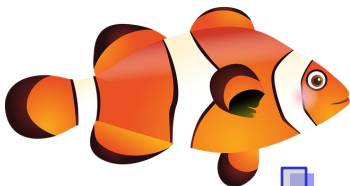
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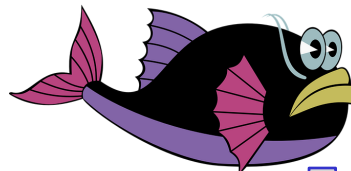
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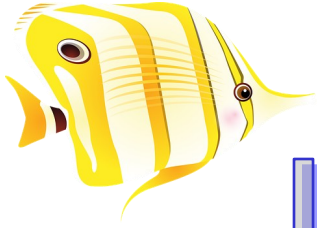
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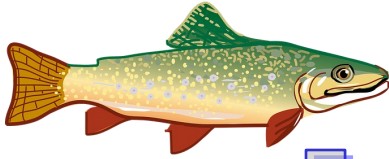
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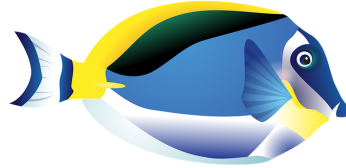
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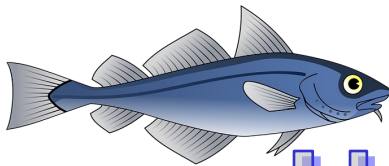
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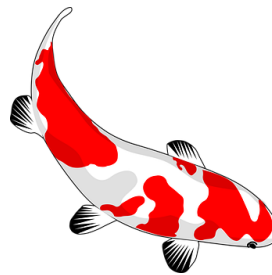
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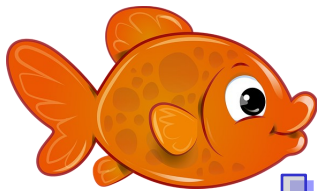
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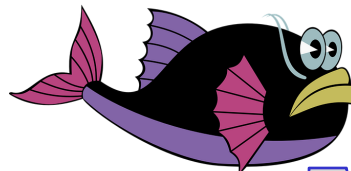
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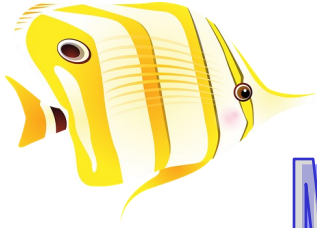


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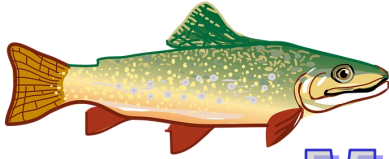




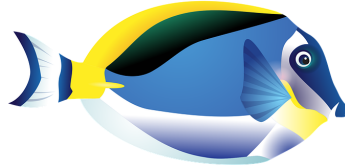
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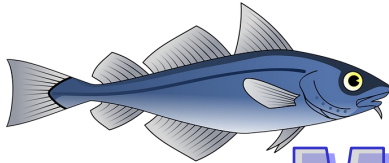
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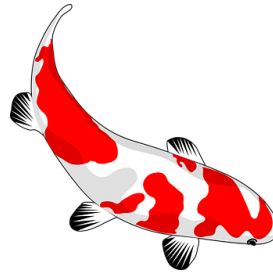
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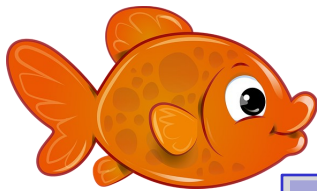
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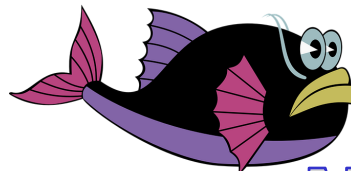
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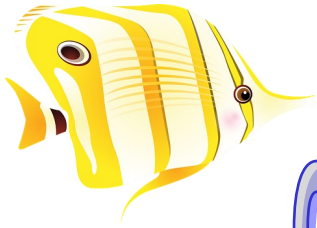
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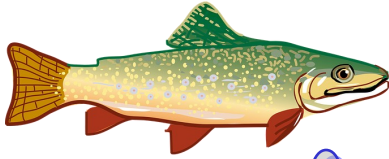
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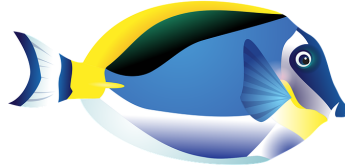
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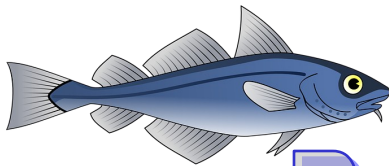
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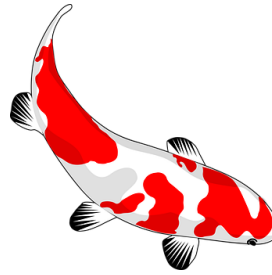
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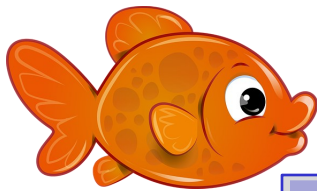
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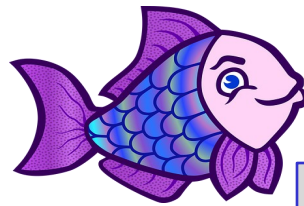
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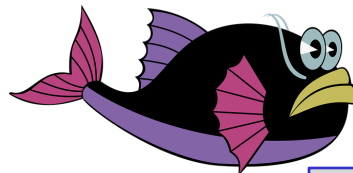
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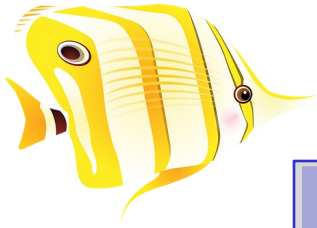
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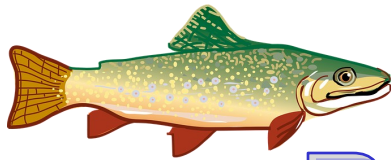
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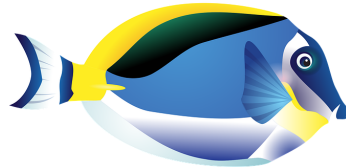
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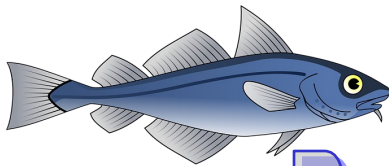
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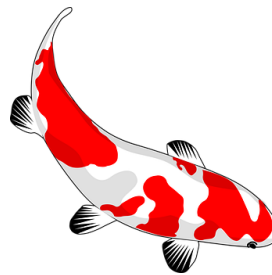
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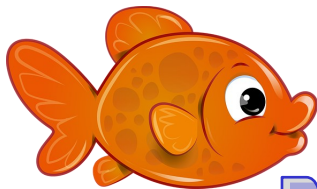
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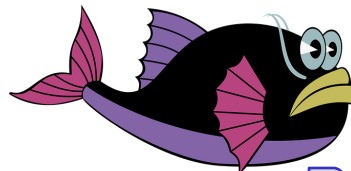
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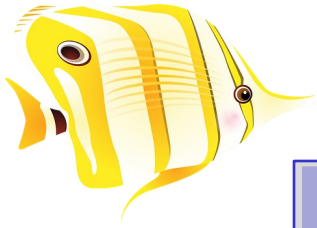
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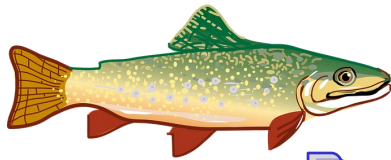
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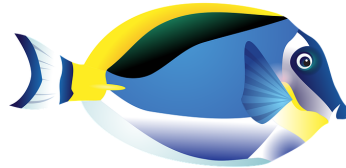
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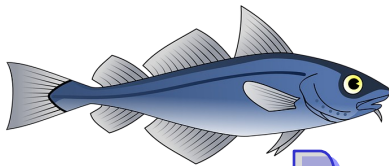
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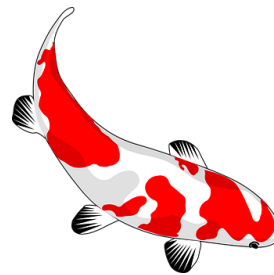
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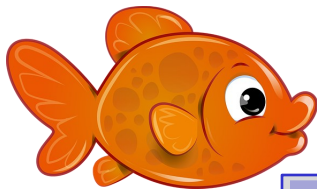
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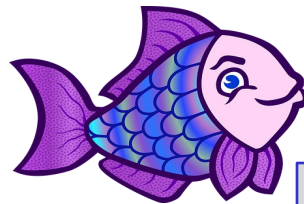
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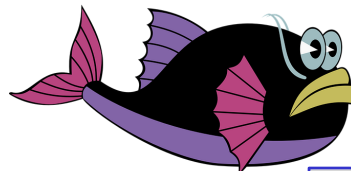
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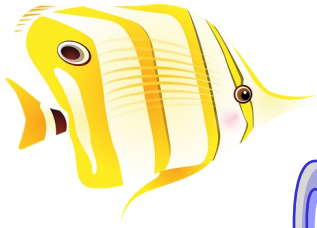
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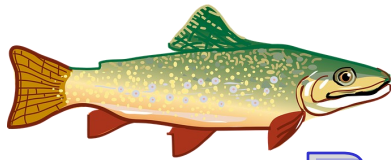
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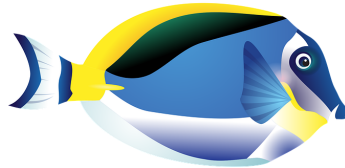
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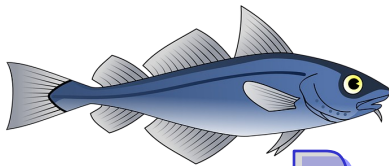
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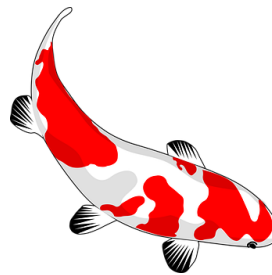
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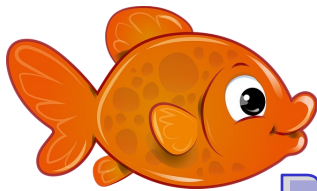
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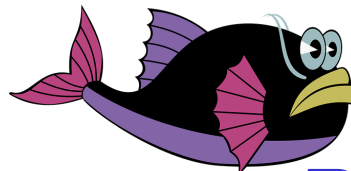
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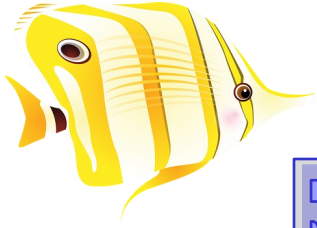


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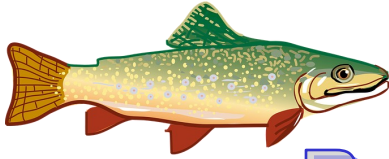




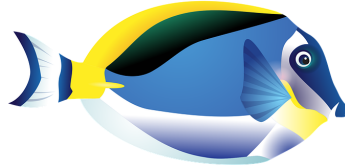
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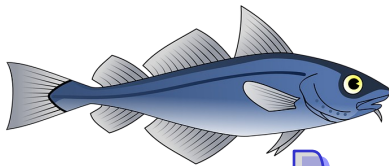
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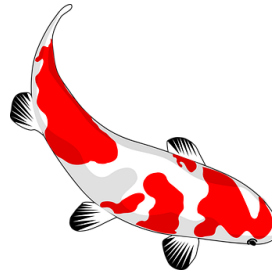
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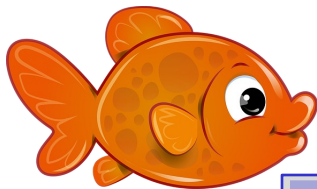
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Remember



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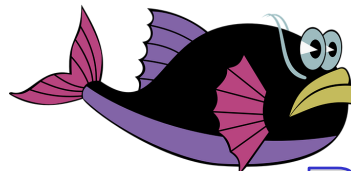
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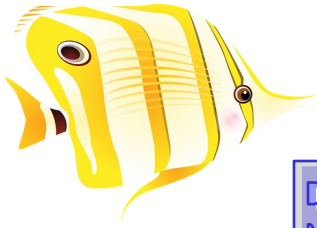
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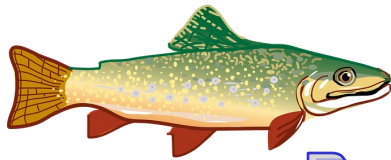
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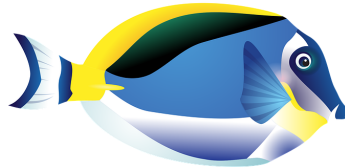
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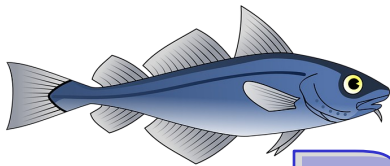
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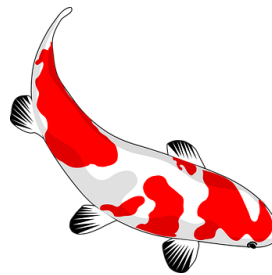
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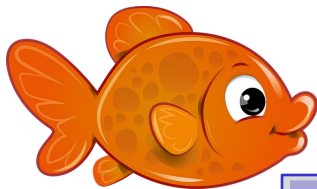
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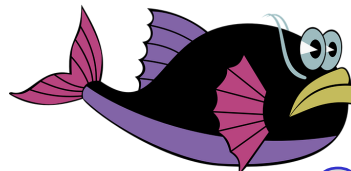
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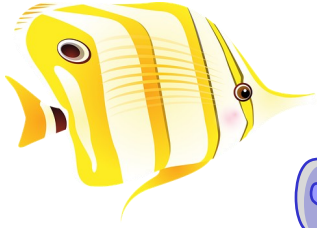
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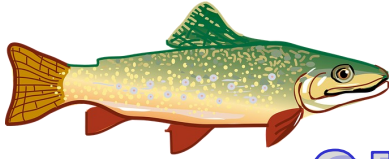
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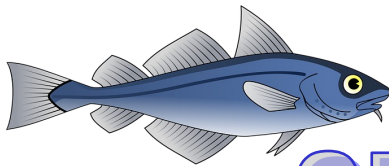
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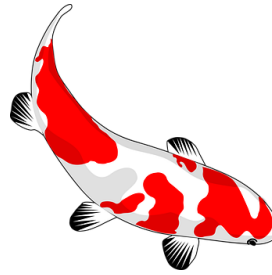
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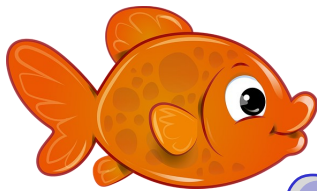
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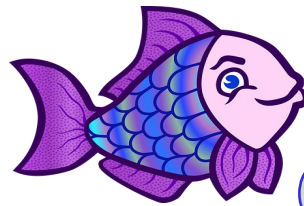
Shop



Shout



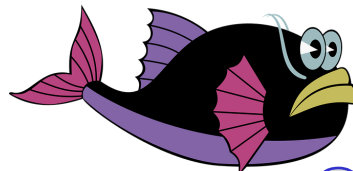
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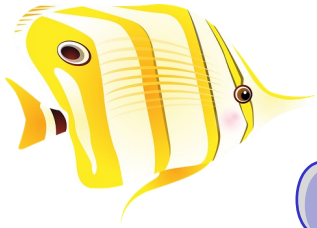
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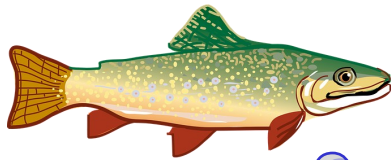
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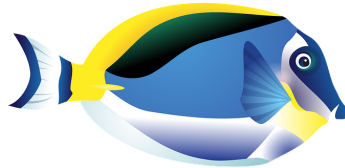
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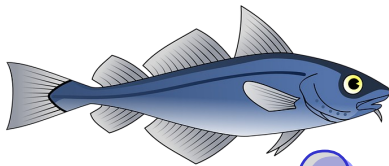
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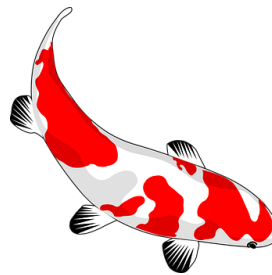
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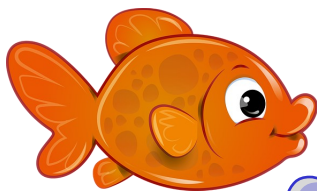
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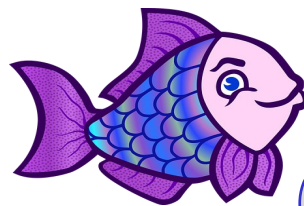
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Sort



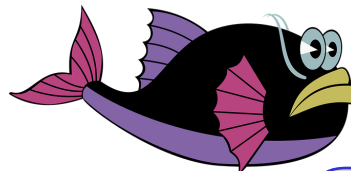
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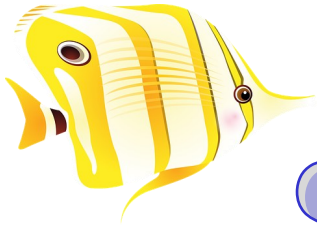
Start



State



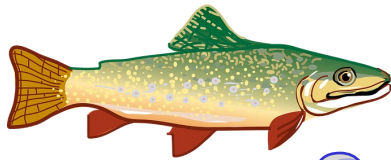
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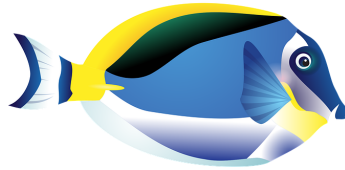
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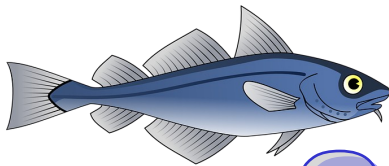
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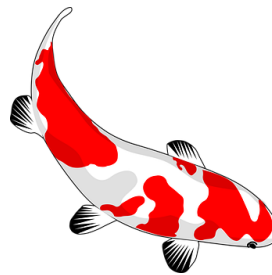
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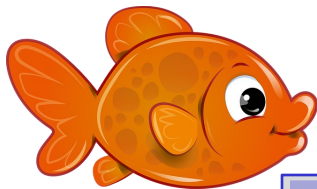
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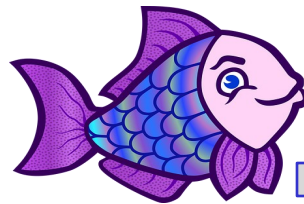
Sue



Suggest



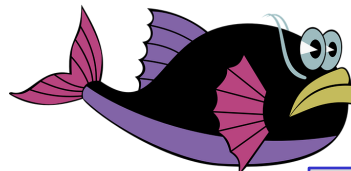
Talk



Tank

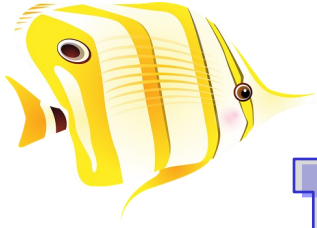


Taste



Tease

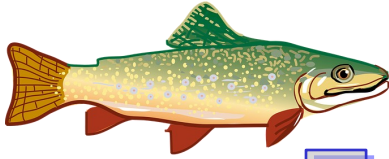




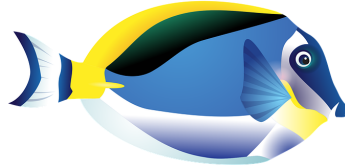
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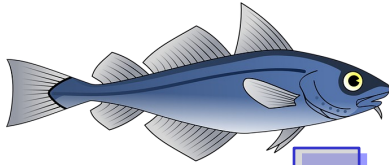
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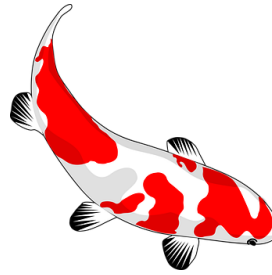
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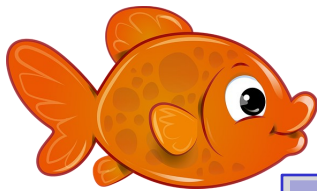
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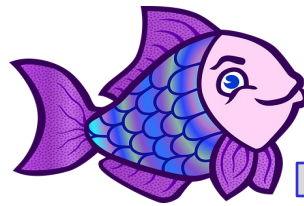
Treat



Trip



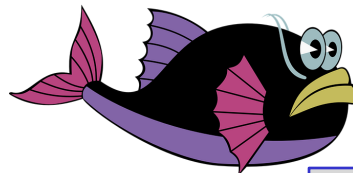
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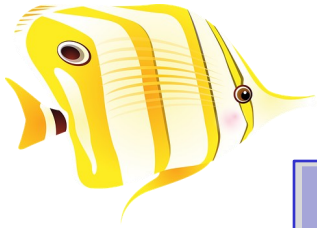
Turn



Twist



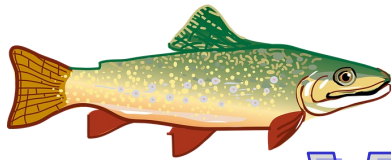
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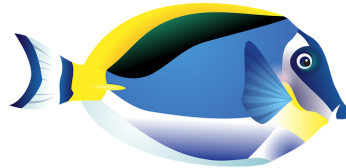
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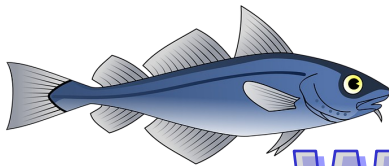
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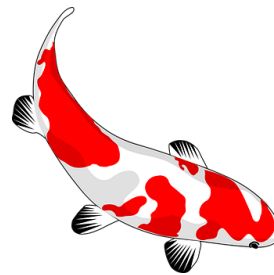
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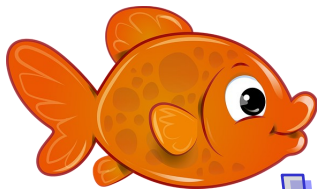
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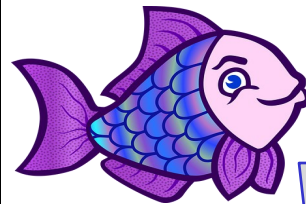
Walk



Want



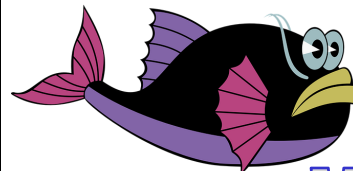
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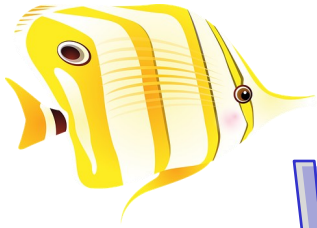
Wash



Waste



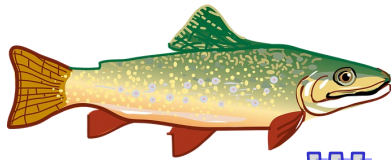
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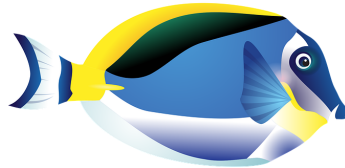
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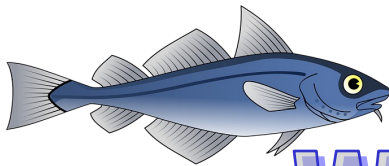
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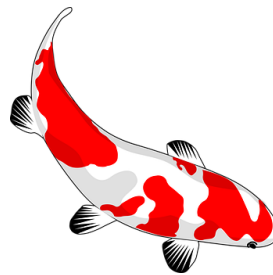
Welcome



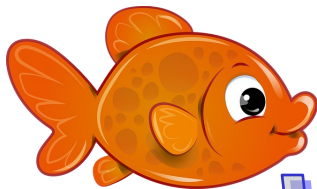
Whisper



Wish



Wonder



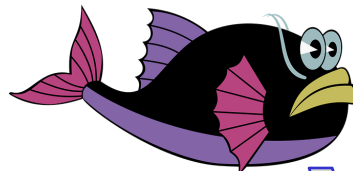
Work



Worry



Wrap



Yawn

# Shark!



A shark ate all of your fish! Place this card, and all of the fish in your catch pile, into the discard pile.

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Present Tense	Past Tense	Pronunciation
accept	accepted	/id/
accuse	accused	/d/
admit	admitted	/id/
adopt	adopted	/id/
advise	advised	/d/
affect	affected	/id/
afford	afforded	/id/
agree	agreed	/d/
allow	allowed	/d/
announce	announced	/t/
annoy	annoyed	/d/
answer	answered	/d/
appear	appeared	/d/
appreciate	appreciated	/id/
argue	argued	/d/
arrange	arranged	/d/
arrive	arrived	/d/
ask	asked	/t/
assist	assisted	/id/
attack	attacked	/t/
attempt	attempted	/id/
attend	attended	/id/
avoid	avoided	/id/

Present Tense	Past Tense	Pronunciation
bake	baked	/t/
beg	begged	/d/
believe	believed	/d/
belong	belonged	/d/
borrow	borrowed	/d/
bound	bounded	/id/
brake	braked	/t/
brush	brushed	/t/
burn	burned	/d/
call	called	/d/
carry	carried	/d/
challenge	challenged	/d/
change	changed	/d/
chat	chatted	/id/
cheat	cheated	/id/
check	checked	/t/
claim	claimed	/d/
clean	cleaned	/d/
clear	cleared	/d/
climb	climbed	/d/
close	closed	/d/
coexist	coexisted	/id/
collect	collected	/id/



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Present Tense	Past Tense	Pronunciation
compare	compared	/d/
complete	completed	/id/
concoct	concocted	/id/
confess	confessed	/t/
connect	connected	/id/
consider	considered	/d/
contact	contacted	/id/
continue	continued	/d/
cook	cooked	/t/
copy	copied	/d/
cough	coughed	/t/
count	counted	/id/
cover	covered	/d/
crack	cracked	/t/
crash	crashed	/t/
create	created	/id/
cross	crossed	/t/
cry	cried	/d/
damage	damaged	/d/
dance	danced	/t/
decide	decided	/id/
defend	defended	/id/
demand	demanded	/id/

Present Tense	Past Tense	Pronunciation
describe	described	/d/
design	designed	/d/
destroy	destroyed	/d/
develop	developed	/t/
die	died	/d/
disappoint	disappointed	/id/
discover	discovered	/d/
discuss	discussed	/t/
disregard	disregarded	/id/
divide	divided	/id/
dress	dressed	/t/
drop	dropped	/t/
dry	dried	/d/
earn	earned	/d/
embarrass	embarrassed	/t/
emigrate	emigrated	/id/
encourage	encouraged	/d/
end	ended	/id/
enjoy	enjoyed	/d/
enter	entered	/d/
escape	escaped	/t/
examine	examined	/d/
excite	excited	/id/

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Present Tense	Past Tense	Pronunciation
expand	expanded	/id/
expect	expected	/id/
explain	explained	/d/
explore	explored	/d/
export	exported	/id/
fill	filled	/d/
finish	finished	/t/
fish	fished	/t/
fix	fixed	/t/
flood	flooded	/id/
flush	flushed	/t/
follow	followed	/d/
force	forced	/t/
flue	glued	/d/
grab	grabbed	/d/
grade	graded	/id/
graduate	graduated	/id/
ground	grounded	/id/
guard	guarded	/id/
guess	guessed	/t/
happen	happened	/d/
harm	harmed	/d/
hate	hated	/id/

Present Tense	Past Tense	Pronunciation
heal	healed	/d/
heat	heated	/id/
help	helped	/t/
hesitate	hesitated	/id/
hike	hiked	/t/
hire	hired	/d/
hope	hoped	/t/
hug	hugged	/d/
hunt	hunted	/id/
hurry	hurried	/d/
imagine	imagined	/d/
impress	impressed	/t/
improve	improved	/d/
include	included	/id/
increase	increased	/t/
influence	influenced	/t/
insist	insisted	/id/
interest	interested	/id/
interrupt	interrupted	/id/
interview	interviewed	/d/
introduce	introduced	/t/
invent	invented	/id/
investigate	investigated	/id/

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Present Tense	Past Tense	Pronunciation
invite	invited	/id/
jail	jailed	/d/
join	joined	/d/
joke	joked	/t/
judge	judged	/d/
jump	jumped	/t/
kick	kicked	/t/
kill	killed	/d/
kiss	kissed	/t/
knock	knocked	/t/
land	landed	/id/
last	lasted	/id/
laugh	laughed	/t/
learn	learned	/d/
lie	lied	/d/
like	liked	/t/
listen	listened	/d/
live	lived	/d/
lock	locked	/t/
look	looked	/t/
love	loved	/d/
mail	mailed	/d/
manage	managed	/d/

Present Tense	Past Tense	Pronunciation
marry	married	/d/
match	matched	/t/
measure	measured	/d/
mind	minded	/id/
miss	missed	/t/
mix	mixed	/t/
move	moved	/d/
need	needed	/id/
notice	noticed	/t/
observe	observed	/d/
open	opened	/d/
outsmart	outsmarted	/id/
overreact	overreacted	/id/
pack	packed	/t/
paint	painted	/id/
pass	passed	/t/
pause	paused	/d/
phone	phoned	/d/
pick	picked	/t/
plan	planned	/d/
plant	planted	/id/
play	played	/d/
practice	practiced	/t/

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Present Tense	Past Tense	Pronunciation
praise	praised	/d/
prefer	preferred	/d/
perform	performed	/d/
present	presented	/id/
press	pressed	/t/
pretend	pretended	/id/
print	printed	/id/
proceed	proceeded	/id/
promise	promised	/t/
pronounce	pronounced	/t/
protect	protected	/id/
provide	provided	/id/
pull	pulled	/d/
punch	punched	/t/
punish	punished	/t/
push	pushed	/t/
question	questioned	/d/
rain	rained	/d/
raise	raised	/d/
rate	rated	/id/
reach	reached	/t/
realize	realized	/d/
receive	received	/d/

Present Tense	Past Tense	Pronunciation
recommend	recommended	/id/
reduce	reduced	/t/
refuse	refused	/d/
regret	regretted	/id/
rehearse	rehearsed	/t/
reject	rejected	/id/
relax	relaxed	/t/
remember	remembered	/d/
remind	reminded	/id/
rent	rented	/id/
repair	repaired	/d/
repeat	repeated	/id/
report	reported	/id/
request	requested	/id/
rescue	rescued	/d/
respect	respected	/id/
rest	rested	/id/
rip	ripped	/t/
rob	robbed	/d/
rush	rushed	/t/
save	saved	/d/
scold	scolded	/id/
scrub	scrubbed	/d/

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Present Tense	Past Tense	Pronunciation
search	searched	/t/
seem	seemed	/d/
share	shared	/d/
shave	shaved	/d/
shop	shopped	/t/
shout	shouted	/id/
show	showed	/d/
shrug	shrugged	/d/
sign	signed	/d/
skate	skated	/id/
slam	slammed	/d/
slap	slapped	/t/
smoke	smoked	/t/
snatch	snatched	/t/
sneeze	sneezed	/d/
snow	snowed	/d/
sort	sorted	/id/
sound	sounded	/id/
stalk	stalked	/t/
start	started	/id/
state	stated	/id/
stay	stayed	/d/
step	stepped	/t/

Present Tense	Past Tense	Pronunciation
store	stored	/d/
stroll	strolled	/d/
succeed	succeeded	/id/
sue	sued	/d/
suggest	suggested	/id/
talk	talked	/t/
tank	tanked	/t/
taste	tasted	/id/
tease	teased	/d/
touch	touched	/t/
tour	toured	/d/
trade	traded	/id/
travel	traveled	/d/
treat	treated	/id/
trip	tripped	/t/
try	tried	/d/
turn	turned	/d/
twist	twisted	/id/
type	typed	/t/
use	used	/d/
visit	visited	/id/
vote	voted	/id/
wait	waited	/id/



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Present Tense	Past Tense	Pronunciation
walk	walked	/t/
want	wanted	/id/
warn	warned	/d/
wash	washed	/t/
waste	wasted	/id/
watch	watched	/t/
wave	waved	/d/
weigh	weighed	/d/
welcome	welcomed	/d/
whisper	whispered	/d/
wish	wished	/t/
wonder	wondered	/d/
work	worked	/t/
worry	worried	/d/
wrap	wrapped	/t/
yawn	yawned	/d/