

parched – PO 1

All these base words have suffix *-ed*. Read each row several times, increasing your speed as you do so.

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| 1. | strapped | parched | camped |
| 2. | stamped | tricked | stopped |
| 3. | dropped | snacked | starched |
| 4. | blocked | torched | scraped |
| 5. | patched | sliced | perched |
| 6. | boxed | ripped | thumped |

Underline the two words that have vowel-consonant-*e* syllable in the base word.



parched – PO 2

Underline all the words that have suffix *-ed* in the following passage. Read the underlined words and then read the whole passage.

The Man and the Cactus

Many years ago a man was wandering across a desert. He became very parched because he ran out of water. His lips, throat, and skin became dry, and he felt dizzy. “What shall I do?” he wondered.

He thought he saw a lake in the distance and slowly made his way in that direction. But he never seemed to get any closer. The sun was beginning to set, and he decided to stop by a huge cactus. The cactus spoke to him, “If you need some water, you can cut a hole in my trunk.”

The man was very surprised to hear the cactus speak. He thought and thought. He said to the cactus, “If I cut your trunk, you will die. I can’t do that.”

Just then it started to rain. The man and the cactus were very happy.

1. Do you think it would have rained if the man had decided to cut the cactus?

2. What would you have done in that situation?

3. What would you do if you needed water in the desert?

