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## **Say It Right**

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### **Sinking**

Two forms of the verb 'sink' are often confused. The past tense of 'sink' is 'sank', and the past participle is 'sunk'.

In speaking hastily we sometimes confuse the two, so a little care is needed to make sure we are using the correct form.

Standard English:

1. The little boat hit a hidden rock and sank within minutes.
2. During the war our ship was sunk by a torpedo.

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