

# Irregular Verbs

## What are irregular verbs?

Most verbs in the English language take -ed to form the past tense and the past participle forms. For example:

I worked in New York for many years.  
I have worked in New York for thirty years.

Some verbs are irregular, which means they don't follow the usual -ed pattern. In fact, irregular verbs are more a matter of vocabulary memorization than grammar, and so you must simply work towards memorizing the words. Here are a few examples of irregular verbs:

Thomas swam in the lake every summer afternoon.  
I had forgotten my lunch appointment, so I got to the restaurant thirty minutes late.  
Our teacher taught us about irregular verbs yesterday.

Here's a list of many irregular verbs. The ones marked with the following symbol ( o ) are more often used, and should perhaps first be studied.

<i>plain form</i>	<i>past tense</i>	<i>past participle</i>
awake	awoke	awoken
be	was / were	been
beat	beat	beat
become	became	become
begin	began	begun
bend	bent	bent
bite	bit	bitten
bleed	bled	bled
blow	blew	blown
break	broke	broken
bring	brought	brought
broadcast	broadcast	broadcast
build	built	built
burn	burnt / burned	burnt / burned
buy	bought	bought
catch	caught	caught
choose	chose	chosen
come	came	come
cost	cost	cost
creep	crept	crept
cut	cut	cut

deal	dealt	dealt
dive	dived / dove	dived
dig	dug	dug
do	did	done
draw	drew	drawn
dream	dreamt / dreamed	dreamt / dreamed
drink	drank	drunk
drive	drove	driven
eat	ate	eaten
fall	fell	fallen
feed	fed	fed
fight	fought	fought
find	found	found
fly	flew	flown
forbid	forbade	forbidden
forget	forgot	forgotten
freeze	froze	frozen
get	got	got / gotten
give	gave	given
go	went	gone / been
grow	grew	grown
hang	hung	hung
have	had	had
hear	heard	heard
hide	hid	hidden
hit	hit	hit
hold	held	held
hurt	hurt	hurt
keep	kept	kept
kneel	knelt	knelt
know	knew	known
lay	laid	laid
lead	led	led
learn	learnt / learned	learnt / learned
leave	left	left
lend	lent	lent
let	let	let
lie	lay	lain
light	lit / lighted	lit / lighted
lose	lost	lost

make	made	made
mean	meant	meant
meet	met	met
mistake	mistook	mistaken
pay	paid	paid
prove	proved	proved / proven
put	put	put
read	read	read
rid	rid	rid
ride	rode	ridden
ring	rang	rung
rise	rose	risen
run	ran	run
say	said	said
see	saw	seen
sell	sold	sold
send	sent	sent
set	set	set
shake	shook	shaken
shine	shone	shone
shoot	shot	shot
show	showed	shown
shrink	shrank	shrunk
shut	shut	shut
sing	sang	sung
sink	sank	sunk
sit	sat	sat
sleep	slept	slept
smell	smelt / smelled	smelt / smelled
speak	spoke	spoken
speed	sped	sped
spell	spelt / spelled	spelt / spelled
spend	spent	spent
spill	spilt / spilled	split / spilled
spin	span	spun
spit	spat	spat
split	split	split
spoil	spolit / spoiled	spolit / spoiled
stand	stood	stood
steal	stole	stolen

stick	stuck	stuck
stink	stank	stunk
strike	struck	struck
sweep	swept	swept
swing	swung	swung
swim	swam	swum
take	took	taken
teach	taught	taught
tear	tore	torn
tell	told	told
think	thought	thought
throw	thrown	thrown
understand	understood	understood
wake	woke	woken
wear	worn	worn
win	won	won
wind	wound	wound
wring	wrung	wrung
write	wrote	written

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