

Step #14 Irregular Verbs

There are several hundred irregular verbs; past tense words that do not end with the "ed" pattern. Below is an incomplete list where the base form, past simple and past participle are all the same.

Not listed on the chart:

- * Present participles (ends with "ing").
- * Third person, present singular (add an "s").
- * Infinitives ("to" precedes the verb).

Verb	Past Simple	Past Participle
bet	bet	bet
cut	cut	cut
hit	hit	hit
hurt	hurt	hurt
let	let	let
put	put	put
quit	quit	quit
read	read	read
set	set	set
shut	shut	shut
spread	spread	spread

On the previous page, you can see how easy it is to conjugate a verb. For more information on why present participles can be nouns or adjectives, past participles can be adjectives and infinitives another part of speech, see my file on verbals.

Irregular Verbs

Sometimes uses a form of *have*.

Present

Simple Past

Past Participles

beat	beat	beaten
become	became	become
bend	bent	bent
begin	began	begun
bind	bound	bound
bite	bit	bitten
bleed	bled	bled
blow	blew	blown
break	broke	broken
breed	bred	bred
bring	brought	brought
build	built	built
buy	bought	bought
catch	caught	caught
choose	chose	chosen
come	came	come
dig	dug	dug
do	did	done
draw	drew	drawn
drink	drank	drunk
drive	drove	driven
eat	ate	eaten
fall	fell	fallen
feed	fed	fed
feel	felt	felt
fight	fought	fought
find	found	found
fly	flew	flown
forbid	forbade	forbidden
forget	forgot	forgotten

* Past participles are not always preceded by a verb.

* "A broken (adjective) vase is on the floor."

Sometimes uses a form of have.

Present

Simple Past

Past Participles

forgive	forgave	forgiven
freeze	froze	frozen
get	got	gotten
give	gave	given
go	went	gone
grow	grew	grown
hang	hung	hung
have	had	had
hear	heard	heard
hide	hid	hidden
hold	held	held
keep	kept	kept
know	knew	known
lay	laid	laid
lead	led	led
leave	left	left
lend	lent	lent
lie	lay	lain
light	lit	lit
lose	lost	lost
make	made	made
mean	meant	meant
meet	met	met
pay	paid	paid
ride	rode	ridden
ring	rang	rung
rise	rose	risen
run	ran	run
say	said	said
see	saw	seen

Present	Simple Past	Past Participles
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sell	sold	sold
send	sent	sent
shake	shook	shaken
shine	shone	shone / shined *
shoot	shot	shot
show	showed	shown
sing	sang	sung
sink	sank	sunk
sit	sat	sat
sleep	slept	slept
slide	slid	slid
speak	spoke	spoken
spend	spent	spent
spin	spun	spun
stand	stood	stood
steal	stole	stolen
stick	stuck	stuck
sting	stung	stung
strike	struck	struck
sweep	swept	swept
swim	swam	swum
swing	swung or swang	swung
take	took	taken
teach	taught	taught
tear	tore	torn
tell	told	told
think	thought	thought
throw	threw	thrown
understand	understood	understood
wake	woke	woken
wear	wore	worn
win	won	won
withdraw	withdrew	withdrawn
write	wrote	written