

Irregular Verbs

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Irregular verbs are verbs that do not form their past tense and past participle with *-ed*. Instead, the past tense for irregular verbs is formed by changing the verb internally. The following list contains some of the most commonly used irregular verbs.

Present	Past	Past Participle	Present Participle
arise	arose	arisen	arising
awake	awoke/awaked	awoke/awaked	awaking
be/am/is/are	was/were	been	being
bear	bore	borne	bearing
beat	beat	beaten	beating
begin	began	begun	beginning
bend	bent	bent	bending
bet	bet	bet	betting
bid (to command)	bide	bidden	bidding
bid (to offer, to pay)	bid	bid	bidding
bite	bit	bitten	biting
blow	blew	blown	blowing
break	broke	broken	breaking
bring	brought	brought	bringing
build	built	built	building
burst	burst	burst	bursting
buy	bought	bought	buying
catch	caught	caught	catching
choose	chose	chosen	choosing
cling	clung	clung	clinging
come	came	come	coming
cost	cost	cost	costing
cut	cut	cut	cutting
deal	dealt	dealt	dealing
dig	dug	dug	digging
dive	dived/dove	dived	diving
do	did	done	doing
drag	dragged	dragged	dragging
draw	drew	drawn	drawing
drink	drank	drunk	drinking
drive	drove	drive	driving
eat	ate	eaten	eating
fall	fell	fallen	falling
feed	fed	fed	feeding
feel	felt	felt	feeling
fight	fought	fought	fighting
find	found	found	finding
flee	fled	fled	fleeing
fly	flew	flown	flying
forget	forgot	forgotten/forgot	forgetting
freeze	froze	frozen	freezing
get	got	gotten	getting

Present	Past	Past Participle	Present Participle
give	gave	given	giving
go	went	gone	going
grow	grew	grown	growing
hang (to put to death)	hanged	hanged	hanging
hang (to suspend)	hung	hung	hanging
have	had	had	having
hear	heard	heard	hearing
hide	hid	hidden	hiding
hold	held	held	holding
keep	kept	kept	keeping
know	knew	known	knowing
lay	laid	laid	laying
lead	led	led	leading
leave	left	left	leaving
lend	lent	lent	lending
let	let	let	letting
lie (tell an untruth)	lied	lied	lying
lie (to recline)	lay	lain	lying
lose	lost	lost	losing
make	made	made	making
meet	met	met	meeting
pay	paid	paid	paying
prove	proved	proved/proven	proving
raise	raised	raised	raising
read	read	read	reading
ride	rode	ridden	riding
ring	rang	rung	ringing
rise	rose	risen	rising
run	ran	run	running
say	said	said	saying
see	saw	seen	seeing
sell	sold	sold	selling
send	sent	sent	sending
set (to place)	set	set	setting
shake	shook	shaken	shaking
show	showed	shown	showing
shrink	shrank/shrunk	shrunk/shrunken	shrinking
sing	sang	sung	singing
sink	sank	sunk	sinking
sit	sat	sat	sitting
sneak	sneaked/snuck	sneaked/snuck	sneaking
speak	spoke	spoken	speaking
speed	sped/speeded	sped/speeded	speeding
spin	spun	spun	spinning
spring	sprang	sprung	springing
stand	stood	stood	standing
steal	stole	stolen	stealing
strike	struck	struck/stricken	striking
swear	swore	sworn	swearing
swim	swam	swum	swimming
swing	swung	swung	swinging
take	took	taken	taking
teach	taught	taught	teaching
tear	tore	torn	tearing
throw	threw	thrown	throwing
wake	woke/waked	waked/woken	waking
wear	wore	worn	wearing
win	won	won	winning
wring	wrung	wrung	wringing
write	wrote	written	writing