

Irregular verbs

You could say irregular verbs are verbs that “follow their own rules.” They use completely original words for their different verb forms when they’re the main verb of a sentence.

To show you what we mean, let’s “test” and “send!” This pair is a good example to see the differences: “test” is a regular verb, but “send” is an irregular verb.

To conjugate “test,” there’s no big surprise or trick; you just use the same formula as with most other verbs. To create both the simple past tense and past participle forms, you simply add “-ed,” or in this case only “-d” because the base form ends in e already.



Test —> **Tested**

“Send,” however, is irregular, so the normal rules don’t work. You can’t use “sended” because that’s an incorrect form for this verb. Instead, “send” has a unique past tense. The only way to know how to conjugate “send” is to memorize its special forms.

Send —> **Sent**

The simple present tense is conjugated the same no matter whether the verb is regular or irregular. This includes adding an “-s” or “-es” for the third-person singular. Be aware that certain exceptions, like the verb “be,” have special present tense forms as well.

Pronoun	Present tense	Past tense
I	I am	I was
You	You are	You were
He	He is	He was
She	She is	She was
It	It is	It was
We	We are	We were
You	You are	You were
They	They are	They were

