

Irregular verbs

These are the most important irregular verbs. They can be divided into the following groups (A-E):

A All three forms the same

| Base | Past simple | Past participle | Translation | Base | Past simple | Past participle | Translation |
|--------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| bet | bet |  | ..... | hear | | heard | ..... |
| cost | | cost | ..... | hold | held |  | ..... |
| cut | cut |  | ..... |  | kept | kept | ..... |
| hit | | hit | ..... | lay | | laid | ..... |
| | hurt | hurt | ..... | lead | led |  | ..... |
| set | | set | ..... | learn | | learnt | ..... |
| let | | let | ..... | leave | left |  | ..... |
| put | put |  | ..... | lend | lent |  | ..... |
| shut | | shut | ..... | light | | lit | ..... |
| spread | | spread | ..... | lose | lost |  | ..... |
| read | read /red/ |  | ..... |  | made | made | ..... |

B Base = Past simple

| Base | Past simple | Past participle | Translation |
|------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| beat | | beaten | ..... |

C Past simple = Past participle

| Base | Past simple | Past participle | Translation |
|-------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| bend | | bent | ..... |
| bleed | bled |  | ..... |
| bring | | brought | ..... |
| | built | built | ..... |
| buy | | bought | ..... |
| catch | | caught | ..... |
| deal | dealt |  | ..... |
| feed | | fed | ..... |
| feel | felt |  | ..... |
| | fought | fought | ..... |
| find | | found | ..... |
| | got | got | ..... |
| hang | | hung | ..... |
| have | had |  | ..... |

| | | | |
|------------|---------|------------|-------|
| mean | | meant | ..... |
| meet | | met | ..... |
| pay | paid |  | ..... |
| say | | said | ..... |
| sell | sold |  | ..... |
| send | | sent | ..... |
| shine | | shone | ..... |
| shoot | shot |  | ..... |
| sit | | sat | ..... |
| sleep | slept | slept | ..... |
| | spent | spent | ..... |
| stand | | stood | ..... |
| stick | | stuck | ..... |
| strike | struck |  | ..... |
| sweep | | swept | ..... |
| teach | | taught | ..... |
| | told | told | ..... |
| think | thought |  | ..... |
| understand | | understood | ..... |
| | won | won | ..... |

D Base = Past participle

| Base | Past simple | Past participle | Translation | Base | Past simple | Past participle | Translation |
|--------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| become | became |  | ..... | give | | given | ..... |
| | came | come | ..... |  | went | gone | ..... |
| run | ran |  | ..... |  | grew | grown | ..... |

E All three forms different

| Base | Past simple | Past participle | Translation | Base | Past simple | Past participle | Translation |
|---------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| arise | arose |  | ..... | overwrite | | overwritten | ..... |
| awake | | awoken | ..... | ride | | ridden | ..... |
| be | was/were |  | ..... | ring | rang |  | ..... |
| | began | begun | ..... | rise | rose |  | ..... |
| bite | | bitten | ..... |  | saw | seen | ..... |
| blow | blew |  | ..... | shake | shook |  | ..... |
| break | broke |  | ..... |  | showed | shown | ..... |
| choose | | chosen | ..... | shrink | shrank |  | ..... |
| | did | done | ..... | sing | | sung | ..... |
| draw | | drawn | ..... | sink | sank |  | ..... |
| | drank | drunk | ..... |  | spoke | spoken | ..... |
| drive | drove |  | ..... | steal | | stolen | ..... |
| eat | ate |  | ..... | swear | swore |  | ..... |
| fall | | fallen | ..... | swim | | swum | ..... |
| | flew | flown | ..... |  | took | taken | ..... |
| forbid | | forbidden | ..... | tear | tore |  | ..... |
| forget | forgot |  | ..... | throw | | thrown | ..... |
| forgive | | forgiven | ..... | wake | woke |  | ..... |
| freeze | | frozen | ..... | wear | wore |  | ..... |
| | | | | withdraw | | withdrawn | ..... |
| | | | | | wrote | written | ..... |