

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	bet	.....	hear	heard	heard	.....
cost	cost	cost	.....	hold	held	held	.....
cut	cut	cut	.....	keep	kept	kept	.....
hit	hit	hit	.....	lay	laid	laid	.....
hurt	hurt	hurt	.....	lead	led	led	.....
set	set	set	.....	learn	learnt	learnt	.....
let	let	let	.....	leave	left	left	.....
put	put	put	.....	lend	lent	lent	.....
shut	shut	shut	.....	light	lit	lit	.....
spread	spread	spread	.....	lose	lost	lost	.....
read	read /red/	read	.....	make	made	made	.....

B Base = Past simple

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

C Past simple = Past participle

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

Base	Past simple	Past participle	Translation
hear	heard	heard	.....
hold	held	held	.....
keep	kept	kept	.....
lay	laid	laid	.....
lead	led	led	.....
learn	learnt	learnt	.....
leave	left	left	.....
lend	lent	lent	.....
light	lit	lit	.....
lose	lost	lost	.....
make	made	made	.....
mean	meant	meant	.....
meet	met	met	.....
pay	paid	paid	.....
say	said	said	.....
sell	sold	sold	.....
send	sent	sent	.....
shine	shone	shone	.....
shoot	shot	shot	.....
sit	sat	sat	.....
sleep	slept	slept	.....
spend	spent	spent	.....
stand	stood	stood	.....
stick	stuck	stuck	.....
strike	struck	struck	.....
sweep	swept	swept	.....
teach	taught	taught	.....
tell	told	told	.....
think	thought	thought	.....
understand	understood	understood	.....
win	won	won	.....

D Base = Past participle

Base	Past simple	Past participle	Translation
become	became	become	.....
come	came	come	.....
run	ran	run	.....

run a computer program

E All three forms different

Base	Past simple	Past participle	Translation
arise	arose	arisen	.....
awake	awoke	awoken	.....
be	was/were	been	.....
begin	began	begun	.....
bite	bit	bitten	.....
blow	blew	blown	.....
break	broke	broken	.....
choose	chose	chosen	.....
do	did	done	.....
draw	drew	drawn	.....
drink	drank	drunk	.....
drive	drove	driven	.....
eat	ate	eaten	.....
fall	fell	fallen	.....
fly	flew	flown	.....
forbid	forbade	forbidden	.....
forget	forgot	forgotten	.....
forgive	forgave	forgiven	.....
freeze	froze	frozen	.....

Base	Past simple	Past participle	Translation
give	gave	given	.....
go	went	gone	.....
grow	grew	grown	.....
hide	hid	hidden	.....
know	knew	known	.....
lie	lay	lain	.....
overwrite	overwrote	overwritten	.....
ride	rode	ridden	.....
ring	rang	rung	.....
rise	rose	risen	.....
see	saw	seen	.....
shake	shook	shaken	.....
show	showed	shown	.....
shrink	shrank	shrunk	.....
sing	sang	sung	.....
sink	sank	sunk	.....
speak	spoke	spoken	.....
steal	stole	stolen	.....
swear	swore	sworn	.....
swim	swam	swum	.....
take	took	taken	.....
tear	tore	torn	.....
throw	threw	thrown	.....
wake	woke	woken	.....
wear	wore	worn	.....
withdraw	withdrew	withdrawn	.....
write	wrote	written	.....