

ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

If, &c. I be n loving We be n loving
 { Thou be n loving { Ye be n loving
 { You be n loving { You be n loving
 { He be n loving { They be n loving

An exhibition of the verb in the interrogative form, with the sign of the negative.

Indicative Mode.—Present Tense, indefinite.

Love I n? Love we n?
 { Lovest thou n? { Love ye n?
 { Love you n? { Love you n?
 { Loveth or loves he n? { Love they n?

The foregoing form is but little used. The following is the usual mode of asking questions.

Do I n love? Do we n love?
 { Dost thou n love? { Do ye n love?
 { Do you n love? { Do you n love?
 Does or doth he n love? Do they n love?

Definite.

Am I n loving? Are we n loving?
 { Art thou n loving? { Are ye n loving?
 { Are you n loving? { Are you n loving?
 Is he n loving? Are they n loving?

Past Tense, indefinite.

Did I n love? Did we n love?
 { Didst thou n love? { Did ye n love?
 { Did you n love? { Did you n love?
 Did he n love? Did they n love?

The other form of this tense, loved he n? is seldom used.

Definite.

Was I n loving? Were we n loving?
 { Wast thou n loving? { Were ye n loving?
 { Was or were you n loving?
 Was he n loving? Were they n loving?

Perfect Tense, indefinite.
 Have I n loved? Have we n loved?
 { Hast thou n loved? { Have ye n loved?
 { Have you n loved? { Have you n loved?
 Has or hath he n loved? Have they n loved?

Definite.

Have I n been loving? Have we n been loving?
 { Hast thou n been loving? { Have ye n been loving?
 { Have you n been loving? { Have you n been loving?
 Has or hath he n been loving? Have they n been loving?

Prior-past, indefinite.

Had I n loved? Had we n loved?
 { Hadst thou n loved? { Had ye n loved?
 { Had you n loved? { Had you n loved?
 Had he n loved? Had they n loved?

Definite.

Had I n been loving? Had we n been loving?
 { Hadst thou n been loving? { Had ye n been loving?
 { Had you n been loving? { Had you n been loving?
 Had he n been loving? Had they n been loving?

Definite.

Had I n been loving? Had we n been loving?
 { Hadst thou n been loving? { Had ye n been loving?
 { Had you n been loving? { Had you n been loving?
 Had he n been loving? Had they n been loving?

Future Tense, indefinite.

Shall I n love? Shall we n love?
 { Shalt or wilt thou n love? { Shall or will ye n love?
 { Shall or will you n love?
 Shall or will he n love? Shall or will they n love?

Definite.

Shall I n be loving? Shall we n be loving?
 { Shalt or wilt thou n be loving? { Shall or will ye n be loving?
 { Shall or will you n be loving? { Shall or will you n be loving?
 Shall or will he n be loving? Shall or will they n be loving?

Prior-future, indefinite.

Shall I n have loved? Shall we n have loved?
 { Shalt or wilt thou n have loved? { Shall or will ye n have loved?
 { Shall or will you n have loved? { Shall or will you n have loved?
 Shall or will he n have loved? Shall or will they n have loved?

The definite form of this tense is little used.

Will, in this tense, is not elegantly used in the first person.

The interrogative form is not used in the imperative mode; a command and a question being incompatible.

It is not necessary to exhibit this form of the verb in the potential mode. Let the learner be only instructed that in interrogative sentences, the nominative follows the verb when alone, or the first auxiliary when one or more are used; and the sign of negation *not*, (and generally *never*.) immediately follows the nominative.

IRREGULAR VERBS.

All verbs whose past tense and perfect participle do not end in *ed* are deemed irregular. The number of these is about one hundred and seventy seven. They are of three kinds:

1. Those whose past tense, and participle of the perfect are the same as the present; as, *beat, burst, cast, cost, cut, hit, hurt, let, put, read, rent, rid, set, shed, shed, shut, slit, split, spread, thrust, sweat, wet*. *Wet* has sometimes *wetted*; *heat* sometimes *hated*; but the practice is not respectable. *Light* and *quit* have *lit* and *quit* in the past time and participle, but they are also regular.

2. Verbs whose past time and participle are alike, but different from the present; as, *meet, met; sell, sold*.

3. Verbs whose present and past tense and participle are all different; as, *know, knew, known*.

A few ending with *ch, ck, x, p, ll, ess*, though regular, suffer a contraction of *ed* into *t*; as, *snatch* for *snatched*, *check* for *checked*, *snap* for *snapped*, *mix* for *mixed*, *dwell* for *dwelt*, *past* for *passed*. Others have a digraph shortened; as, *dream, dreamt; feel, felt; mean, meant; sleep, slept; deal, dealt*. In a few, *v* is changed into *f*; as *bereave, bereft; leave, left*.

As some of the past tenses and participles are obsolete or obsolescent, it is deemed proper to set these in separate columns for the information of the student.

IRREGULAR VERBS.

<i>Inf.</i>	<i>Past tense.</i>	<i>Participle.</i>	<i>Past tense obs.</i>	<i>Part. obs.</i>
Abide	abode	abode		
Am	was	been		
Arise, rise	arose	arisen, risen		
Awake	awoke, awaked	awaked		
Bear	bore	borne	bare	
Beat	beat	beat, beaten		
Begin	began, began	begun		
Bend	bended, bent	bended, bent		
Bereave	bereaved, bereft	bereaved, bereft		
Beseech	besought	besought		
Bid	bid	bid	bade	bidden
Bind	bound	bound		bounden
Bite	bit	bit, bitten		
Bleed	bled	bled		
Blow	blew	blown		
Break	broke	broke, broken	brake	
Breed	bred	bred		
Bring	brought	brought		
Build	built, built	built		
Burst	burst	burst		
Buy	bought	bought		
Cast	cast	cast		
Catch	caught, caught	caught, caught		
Chide	chid	chid		chidden
Choose, choose	chose	chose, chosen		

<i>Inf.</i>	<i>Past tense.</i>	<i>Participle.</i>	<i>Past tense obs.</i>	<i>Part. obs.</i>
Cleave, to stick	cleaved	cleaved	clave	
Cleave, to split	cleft	cleft	clove	cloven
Cling	clung	clung		clad
Clothe	clothed	clothed		
Come	came, come	come		
Cost	cost	cost		
Crow	crowed	crowed	crew	
Creep	crept	crept		
Cut	cut	cut		
Dare	durst, dared*	durst, dared	dealt, dealt	
Deal	dealt, dealt	dealt, dealt		
Dig	dug, digged	dug, digged		
Did	did	done		
Draw	drew	drawn		
Drive	drove	driven, drove	drave	[drunk
Drink	drank	drank		drunken,
Dwell	dwelt, dwelled	dwelt, dwelled		
Eat	eat, ate	eat, eaten [ved		
Engrave	engraved	engraved, engraven		
Fall	fallen	fallen		
Feel	felt	felt		
Fight	fought	fought		
Find	found	found		
Flee	fled	fled		
Fling	flung	flung		
Fly	flew	flown		
Forget	forgot	forgot, forgotten	forgat	
Forseke	forsook	forsooken, forsook		
Freeze	froze	frozen, froze		
Get	got	got, gotten	gat	
Gild	gilded, gilt	gilded, gilt		
Gird	girded, girt	girded, girt		
Give	gave	given		
Go	went	gone		
Grave	graved	graved, graven		
Grind	ground	ground		
Grow	grew	grown		
Have	had	had		
Hang	hanged, hung	hanged, hung		
Hear	heard	heard		
Hew	hewed	hewed, hewn		
Hide	hid	hid, hidden		
Hit	hit	hit		
Hold	held	held		holden

* When transitive, this verb is always regular; as, "he dared him."