

Regular And Irregular Verbs



Most Verbs Are Regular

- Past tense of regular English verbs ends in “ed”
- Irregular verb is where the past tense does not end in “ed”
- Example: The past tense of “make” is not “maked”
- Challenge: There are around 200 English irregular verbs - many are used often
- Irregular verbs don’t follow any rules, but they do have a few similar patterns



Strategies For Remembering

- Some verbs remain the same in the past and present: Cost or set
- Past tense ending of “en” - spoken, broken, woken
- Similar sounding ones: thought, caught, fought, sought, brought
- Memorize a few irregular verbs at a time and focus on those
- Practice using in sentences with a partner who can help you catch errors

