# Les verbes irréguliers anglais

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#### 1. Principes

Les verbes irréguliers s'apprennent en trois colonnes :

- La Base Verbale (BV)
- · Le Prétérit
- · Le Participe passé

#### 1.1. La Base Verbale (BV)

Précédée de to, la Base Verbale constitue ce que l'on appelle l'infinitif.

À noter que le **présent simple**, utilisé pour parler des habitudes et vérités générales, ressemble à s'y méprendre à la BV. La seule différence visible est à la troisième personne du singulier, où le verbe prend un  $<-(e)s>^1$ .

#### 1.2. Le prétérit

Le prétérit est utilisé pour parler du passé.

Des trois formes, le prétérit est la seule qui soit véritablement conjuguée.

Pour rappel, pour qu'une phrase soit correcte, il faut qu'elle ait un groupe nominal sujet qui gouverne un verbe conjugué.

Prenons par exemple le verbe forget (forgot, forgotten), et ajoutons "John" devant :

- 1. John forget
- 2. John forgot
- 3. John forgotten-

Des trois suggestions ci-dessus, seule la deuxième, **John forgot** ("John a oublié"), compose une phrase correcte.

#### 1.3. Le participe passé

Le participe passé s'emploie avec HAVE ou BE.

- Avec HAVE: Le participe passé permet de renvoyer à une action qui est envisagée comme passée. Le fait qu'il ne soit pas conjugué permet de combiner ce renvoi au passé avec l'expression d'hypothèses ou de situations irréelles.
  - Exemple : John must have forgotten  $\rightarrow$  "John a dû oublier."
- Avec BE : le participe passé revêt alors un sens passif . Le sujet du verbe subit l'action.
  - Exemple: The book was written in 1932 → "Le livre a été écrit en 1932."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Ceci est valable pour tous les verbes sauf *BE* (qui se conjugue entièrement), *HAVE* (qui devient "has"), et les 5 auxiliaires modaux, qui eux sont invariables.

### 2. Rappels

### 2.1. Les verbes réguliers

Les verbes réguliers fonctionnent selon les mêmes principes.

Ils sont appelés "réguliers" parce que leur prétérit et leur participe passé se construisent tous deux en ajoutant le suffixe <-(e)d> à leur BV :

- $play \rightarrow played$ , played
- decide o decided, decided

### 2.2. Conjugaisons de "BE"

"BE" au présent

Singulier	Pluriel
am	are
are	are
is	are

"BE" au prétérit

Singulier	Pluriel
was	were
were	were
was	were

## 3. Tableau des verbes irréguliers

Base Verbale	Prétérit	Participe passé	Traduction
beat	beat	beaten	battre (coeur)
become	became	become	devenir
begin	began	begun	commencer
bend	bent	bent	(se) courber
bet	bet	bet	parier
bind	bound	bound	relier (livre)
bite	bit	bitten	mordre
bleed	bled	bled	saigner
blow	blew	blown	souffler
break	broke	broken	casser
breed	bred	bred	élever
bring	brought	brought	apporter
build	built	built	construire
burn	burnt	burnt	brûler
buy	bought	bought	acheter

catch	caught	caught	attraper
choose	chose	chosen	choisir
come	came	come	venir
cost	cost	cost	coûter
cut	cut	cut	couper
do	did	done	faire (auxiliaire)
dig	dug	dug	creuser
draw	drew	drawn	dessiner
dream	dreamt	dreamt	rêver
drink	drank	drunk	boire
drive	drove	driven	conduire
eat	ate	eaten	manger
fall	fell	fallen	tomber
feed	fed	fed	nourrir
feel	felt	felt	(res)sentir
fight	fought	fought	se battre
find	found	found	trouver
fly	flew	flown	voler (oiseau)
forget	forgot	forgotten	oublier
forgive	forgave	forgiven	pardonner
freeze	froze	frozen	geler
get	got	got	obtenir
give	gave	given	donner
go	went	gone	aller
grow	grew	grown	grandir
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have	had	had	avoir
have hear	had heard	had heard	entendre
hear hide	heard hid		
hear hide hit	heard hid hit	heard hidden hit	entendre cacher frapper
hear hide	heard hid	heard hidden	entendre cacher
hear hide hit	heard hid hit	heard hidden hit	entendre cacher frapper
hear hide hit hold	heard hid hit held hurt	heard hidden hit held hurt	entendre cacher frapper tenir
hear hide hit hold hurt	heard hid hit held	heard hidden hit held	entendre cacher frapper tenir faire mal
hear hide hit hold hurt keep	heard hid hit held hurt kept	heard hidden hit held hurt kept	entendre cacher frapper tenir faire mal garder
hear hide hit hold hurt keep know	heard hid hit held hurt kept knew	heard hidden hit held hurt kept known	entendre cacher frapper tenir faire mal garder savoir
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run	ran	run	courir
say	said	said	dire
see 	saw	seen	voir .
sell .	sold	sold	vendre
send	sent	sent	envoyer
set shake	set shook	set shaken	régler (machine) secouer
shine	shone	shone	briller
shoe	shod	shod	chausser (rare)
shoot	shot	shot	tirer
show	showed	shown	montrer
shrink	shrank	shrunk	rétrécir
shut	shut	shut	fermer
sing	sang	sung	chanter
sink	sank	sunk	couler
sit	sat	sat	s'asseoir
sleep	slept	slept	dormir
speak	spoke	spoken	parler
spend	spent	spent	dépenser
spill	spilt	spilt	renverser
spread	spread	spread	répandre
speed	sped	sped	aller très/trop vite
stand	stood	stood	se tenir debout
steal	stole	stolen	voler (crime)
stick	stuck	stuck	planter
sting	stung	stung	piquer
stink	stank	stunk	puer
swear	swore	sworn	jurer
sweep	swept	swept	balayer
swim	swam	swum	nager
swing	swung	swung	osciller
take	took	taken	prendre
teach	taught	taught	enseigner
tear	tore	torn	déchirer
tell	told	told	raconter
think	thought	thought	penser
throw	threw	thrown	jeter
understand	understood	understood	comprendre
wake	woke	woken	réveiller
wear	wore	worn	porter (vêtement)
win	won	won	gagner
write	wrote	written	écrire