# 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 → "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
- $decide \rightarrow decided$ , decided

### 2.2 Conjugaisons de "BE"

#### 2.2.1 "BE" au présent

Singulier	Pluriel
am	are
are	are
is	are

### 2.2.2 "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 cost	venir coûter
cut	cut	cut	couper
			-
do	did	done	faire (auxiliaire)
dig draw	dug	dug drawn	creuser dessiner
dream	drew dreamt	dreamt	rêver
drink	drank	drunk	boire
drive	drove	driven	conduire
eat fall	ate fell	eaten fallen	manger tomber
feed	fed	fed	nourrir
feel	felt	felt	(res)sentir
			• •
fight	fought	fought	se battre
find fly	found flew	found flown	trouver voler (oiseau)
forget	forgot	forgotten	oublier
forgive	forgave	forgiven	pardonner
•	•	•	-
freeze	froze	frozen	geler obtenir
get give	got gave	got given	donner
go	went	gone	aller
grow	grew	grown	grandir
have	had	had	avoir
hear	heard	heard	entendre
hide	hid	hidden	cacher
hit	hit	hit	frapper
hold	held	held	tenir
hurt	hurt	hurt	faire mal
keep	kept	kept	garder
know	knew	known	savoir
lay	laid	laid	poser
lead	led	led	mener
lean	leant	leant	pencher
leave	left	left	quitter
lend	lent	lent	prêter
let	let	let	laisser
lose	lost	lost	perdre
make	made	made	fabriquer
mean	meant	meant	signifier
meet	met	met	rencontrer
pay	paid	paid	payer
put	put	put	mettre
quit	quit	quit	arrêter
read	read	read	lire
ride	rode	ridden	aller en (véhicule)

ring	rang	rung	sonner
rise	rose	risen	monter
run	ran	run	courir
say	said	said	dire
see	saw	seen	voir
sell .	sold	sold	vendre
send	sent	sent	envoyer
set	set	set	régler (machine)
shake	shook	shaken	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
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spread	spread	spread	répandre
spread speed	spread sped	spread sped	répandre aller très/trop vite
-	•	•	aller très/trop vite se tenir debout
speed stand steal	sped stood stole	sped	aller très/trop vite se tenir debout voler (crime)
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speed stand steal stick	sped stood stole stuck	sped stood stolen stuck	aller très/trop vite se tenir debout voler (crime) planter piquer puer
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