

# Verbs

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## IRREGULAR VERBS

# Irregular Verbs - Introduction

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The present participle of irregular verbs is formed by adding 'ing'.

The past tense and part participle are what makes verbs irregular.

Therefore, we will only look at these two parts here.

Many irregular verbs have the same form for both.

Many others have different forms for each.

Some irregular verbs have the same base, past tense and part participle.

Irregular verbs also differ in the 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular, present tense.

# Irregular Verbs – Examples #1

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Many irregular verbs have the same form for both past tense and past participle.

These are just some examples – there are more.

Base form	Past tense	Past Participle
bend	bent	bent
breed	bred	bred
creep	crept	crept
feed	fed	fed
flee	fled	fled
make	made	made
seek	sought	sought

# Irregular Verbs – Examples #2

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Many irregular verbs have different forms for past tense and past participle.

These are just some examples – there are more.

Base form	Past tense	Part participle
eat	ate	eaten
saw	sawed	sawn
see	saw	seen
spring	sprang	sprung
take	took	taken
throw	threw	thrown
write	wrote	written

# Irregular Verbs – Examples #3

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Some irregular verbs have the same form for base, past tense and past participle.

These are just some examples – there are more.

Base form	Past tense	Past participle
bet	bet	bet
cast	cast	cast
cost	cost	cost
cut	cut	cut
hit	hit	hit
let	let	let
put	put	put

# Irregular Verbs – Present Tense #1

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Most irregular verbs still obey the 'add s' rule in the 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular, present tense.

- I/we/you/they bend, he bends
- I/we/you/they seek, he seeks
- I/we/you/they eat, she eats
- I/we/you/they throw, she throws
- I/we/you/they let, it lets
- I/we/you/they cut, it cuts

# Irregular Verbs – Present Tense #2

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However, some irregular verbs do not obey this rule.

The rule fails for the 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular.

These are the verbs *to have*, *to do* and *to go*.

- I/we/you/they have, he has (not he haves)
- I/we/you/they do, she does (not she dos)
- I/we/you/they go, it goes (not it gos)

Please note that this also applies to variations of these verbs (e.g. undo).

# Irregular Verbs – To Be

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The verb *to be* is the most irregular of all English verbs.

There is almost nothing regular about it at all.

Fortunately, this verb is taught very early on.

➤ I am

I was

➤ he/she/it is

he/she/it was

➤ we/you/they are

we/you/they were

➤ present participle is *being*.

➤ past participle is *been*.