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Irregular Verbs in English: A Complete Guide

கடந்த காலத்திற்கு "-ed" ஐச் சேர்க்கும் வழக்கமான விதிகளைப் ஒழுங்கற்ற வினைச்சொற்கள் பின்பற்றுவதில்லை. இந்த புத்தகம் இந்த தனித்துவமான வடிவங்களைக் கற்றுக்கொள்வதை எளிதான எடுத்துக்காட்டுகளுடன் விளக்கி மேலும் எளிதாக்குகிறது.

For example:

- Regular verb: play → played
- Irregular verb: go → went (not "goed")

How Are Irregular Verbs Different?

Regular verbs follow a consistent pattern:

- Base form: walk
- Past tense: walked
- Past participle: walked

Irregular verbs change in unpredictable ways. For example:

- Base form: run
- Past tense: ran
- Past participle: run

Tip: The past tense and past participle of irregular verbs often don't follow any specific rule. Memorization and practice are key!

Common Patterns in Irregular Verbs

Although irregular verbs don't follow fixed rules, some patterns can help you group them:

1. Verbs with All Forms the Same

Base form = Past Simple = Past Participle

These verbs do not change at all.

Base Form	Past Tense	Past Participle
Bet	Bet	Bet
Cost	Cost	Cost
Cut	Cut	Cut
Hit	Hit	Hit
Hurt	Hurt	Hurt
Let	Let	Let
Put	Put	Put
Read	Read	Read
Set	Set	Set
Shut	Shut	Shut

2. Verbs with Same Past Simple and Past Participle

Base form \neq Past Simple = Past Participle

The base form changes, but the past simple and participle forms are identical.

Base Form	Past Tense	Past Participle
Bring	Brought	Brought
Build	Built	Built
Burn	Burnt/Burned	Burnt/Burned
Buy	Bought	Bought
Catch	Caught	Caught
Feel	Felt	Felt
Keep	Kept	Kept
Leave	Left	Left
Send	Sent	Sent
Spend	Spent	Spent

3. Verbs with All Forms Different

Base form \neq Past Simple \neq Past Participle

Each form of the verb is unique.

Base Form	Past Tense	Past Participle
Be	Was/Were	Been
Begin	Began	Begun

Drink	Drank	Drunk
Eat	Ate	Eaten
Go	Went	Gone
Ring	Rang	Rung
Swim	Swam	Swum
Take	Took	Taken
Write	Wrote	Written
See	Saw	Seen

4. Verbs with Vowel Changes

Base form and past forms have a vowel change

The verbs undergo changes primarily in vowels.

Base Form	Past Tense	Past Participle
Break	Broke	Broken
Choose	Chose	Chosen
Drive	Drove	Driven
Speak	Spoke	Spoken
Steal	Stole	Stolen
Wake	Woke	Woken
Freeze	Froze	Frozen
Shake	Shook	Shaken
Write	Wrote	Written
Ride	Rode	Ridden

5. Verbs Ending in "-en" in the Past Participle

Past participle form ends with "-en"

These verbs have a specific suffix in their participle forms.

Base Form	Past Tense	Past Participle
Break	Broke	Broken
Choose	Chose	Chosen
Drive	Drove	Driven
Speak	Spoke	Spoken
Steal	Stole	Stolen
Wake	Woke	Woken
Freeze	Froze	Frozen
Shake	Shook	Shaken

Write	Wrote	Written
Ride	Rode	Ridden
Eat	Ate	Eaten
Give	Gave	Given
See	Saw	Seen
Take	Took	Taken
Write	Wrote	Written
Drive	Drove	Driven

6. Verbs with "-d" or "-t" Ending Past Forms

Verbs with "-d" or "-t" Ending Past Forms

Base Form	Past Tense	Past Participle
Build	Built	Built
Burn	Burnt/Burned	Burnt/Burned
Dream	Dreamt/Dreamed	Dreamt/Dreamed
Feel	Felt	Felt
Lend	Lent	Lent
Send	Sent	Sent
Spend	Spent	Spent
Smell	Smelt/Smelled	Smelt/Smelled
Spill	Spilt/Spilled	Spilt/Spilled
Learn	Learnt/Learned	Learnt/Learned

7. Rare or Less Common Irregular Verbs

Used less frequently in modern English

Base Form	Past Tense	Past Participle
Abide	Abode	Abided/Abidden
Arise	Arose	Arisen
Awake	Awoke	Awoken
Behold	Beheld	Beheld
Bend	Bent	Bent
Bereave	Bereaved/Bereft	Bereaved/Bereft
Beseech	Besought	Besought
Bet	Bet	Bet
Bid	Bade/Bid	Bidden/Bid
Bind	Bound	Bound
Breed	Bred	Bred

Cling	Clung	Clung
Creep	Crept	Crept
Deal	Dealt	Dealt
Dive	Dove/Dived	Dived
Fling	Flung	Flung
Forsake	Forsook	Forsaken
Hew	Hewed	Hewed/Hewn
Knit	Knit/Knitted	Knit/Knitted
Leap	Leapt/Leaped	Leapt/Leaped
Lie	Lay	Lain
Shed	Shed	Shed
Sling	Slung	Slung
Smite	Smote	Smitten
Spit	Spat/Spit	Spat/Spit
Spread	Spread	Spread
Strew	Strewed	Strewn/Strewed
Stride	Strode	Stridden
Strive	Strove	Striven
Thrust	Thrust	Thrust
Wring	Wrung	Wrung

8. Comprehensive table for all irregular verbs

Here's a list of full irregular verbs in English

Base Form	Past Tense	Past Participle
Abide	Abode	Abided/Abidden
Arise	Arose	Arisen
Awake	Awoke	Awoken
Be	Was/Were	Been
Bear	Bore	Born(e)
Beat	Beat	Beaten
Become	Became	Become
Begin	Began	Begun
Bend	Bent	Bent
Bet	Bet	Bet
Bid (offer)	Bid	Bid
Bid (farewell)	Bade	Bidden
Bind	Bound	Bound
Bite	Bit	Bitten
Bleed	Bled	Bled

Blow	Blew	Blown
Break	Broke	Broken
Bring	Brought	Brought
Build	Built	Built
Burn	Burnt/Burned	Burnt/Burned
Buy	Bought	Bought
Catch	Caught	Caught
Choose	Chose	Chosen
Cling	Clung	Clung
Come	Came	Come
Cost	Cost	Cost
Creep	Crept	Crept
Cut	Cut	Cut
Deal	Dealt	Dealt
Dig	Dug	Dug
Do	Did	Done
Draw	Drew	Drawn
Dream	Dreamt/Dreamed	Dreamt/Dreamed
Drink	Drank	Drunk
Drive	Drove	Driven
Eat	Ate	Eaten
Fall	Fell	Fallen
Feed	Fed	Fed
Feel	Felt	Felt
Fight	Fought	Fought
Find	Found	Found
Flee	Fled	Fled
Fly	Flew	Flown
Forget	Forgot	Forgotten
Forgive	Forgave	Forgiven
Freeze	Froze	Frozen
Get	Got	Got/Gotten
Give	Gave	Given
Go	Went	Gone
Grow	Grew	Grown
Hang	Hung	Hung
Have	Had	Had
Hear	Heard	Heard
Hide	Hid	Hidden
Hit	Hit	Hit
Hold	Held	Held
Hurt	Hurt	Hurt

Keep	Kept	Kept
Know	Knew	Known
Lay	Laid	Laid
Lead	Led	Led
Leave	Left	Left
Lend	Lent	Lent
Let	Let	Let
Lie	Lay	Lain
Light	Lit/Lighted	Lit/Lighted
Lose	Lost	Lost
Make	Made	Made
Mean	Meant	Meant
Meet	Met	Met
Pay	Paid	Paid
Put	Put	Put
Read	Read	Read
Ride	Rode	Ridden
Ring	Rang	Rung
Rise	Rose	Risen
Run	Ran	Run
Say	Said	Said
See	Saw	Seen
Sell	Sold	Sold
Send	Sent	Sent
Set	Set	Set
Sew	Sewed	Sewn
Shake	Shook	Shaken
Shine	Shone	Shone/Shined
Shoot	Shot	Shot
Show	Showed	Shown/Showed
Shut	Shut	Shut
Sing	Sang	Sung
Sink	Sank	Sunk
Sit	Sat	Sat
Sleep	Slept	Slept
Slide	Slid	Slid
Speak	Spoke	Spoken
Spend	Spent	Spent
Spill	Spilt/Spilled	Spilt/Spilled
Spin	Spun	Spun
Split	Split	Split
Spread	Spread	Spread

Stand	Stood	Stood
Steal	Stole	Stolen
Stick	Stuck	Stuck
Sting	Stung	Stung
Stink	Stank	Stunk
Stride	Strode	Stridden
Strike	Struck	Struck/Stricken
String	Strung	Strung
Swear	Swore	Sworn
Sweep	Swept	Swept
Swim	Swam	Swum
Take	Took	Taken
Teach	Taught	Taught
Tear	Tore	Torn
Tell	Told	Told
Think	Thought	Thought
Throw	Threw	Thrown
Understand	Understood	Understood
Wake	Woke	Woken
Wear	Wore	Worn
Weave	Wove	Woven
Win	Won	Won
Wind	Wound	Wound
Withdraw	Withdrew	Withdrawn
Write	Wrote	Written