



Comprehensive list of irregular verbs

Pro-tip: Master irregular verbs by grouping patterns

While many students try to memorize irregular verbs alphabetically, a more effective strategy is to group them by how they behave. Instead of seeing these verbs as purely random, you can look for predictable patterns that make them easier to recall.

For instance, you can focus on the **"vowel shift" group**, where the internal sound changes consistently, such as *begin-began-begun* or *drink-drank-drunk*. Another helpful category is the **"no change" group**, featuring verbs like *cost* and *let* that remain identical in every tense. Finally, look for the **"d to t" group**, where the verb simply swaps its ending consonant, as seen in *send-sent-sent* or *build-built-built*.

Base form (Infinitive)	Simple past	Past participle
be	was/were	been
become	became	become
begin	began	begun
bend	bent	bent
bet	bet	bet
bite	bit	bitten
bleed	bled	bled
blow	blew	blown
break	broke	broken
breed	bred	bred
bring	brought	brought
build	built	built

Base form (Infinitive)	Simple past	Past participle
burn	burnt/burned	burnt/burned
burst	burst	burst
buy	bought	bought
can	could	(none)
catch	caught	caught
choose	chose	chosen
cling	clung	clung
come	came	come
cost	cost	cost
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

Base form (Infinitive)	Simple past	Past participle
feel	felt	felt
fight	fought	fought
find	found	found
flee	fled	fled
fling	flung	flung
fly	flew	flown
forbid	forbade	forbidden
forget	forgot	forgotten
forgive	forgave	forgiven
freeze	froze	frozen
get	got	gotten/got
give	gave	given
go	went	gone
grind	ground	ground
grow	grew	grown
hang	hung/hanged	hung/hanged
have	had	had
hear	heard	heard
hide	hid	hidden
hit	hit	hit

Base form (Infinitive)	Simple past	Past participle
hold	held	held
hurt	hurt	hurt
keep	kept	kept
kneel	knelt/kneeled	knelt/kneeled
know	knew	known
lay	laid	laid
lead	led	led
leap	leapt/leaped	leapt/leaped
learn	learnt/learned	learnt/learned
leave	left	left
lend	lent	lent
let	let	let
lie	lay (inanimate) / lied (falsehood)	lain / lied
light	lit/lighted	lit/lighted
lose	lost	lost
make	made	made
may	might	(none)
mean	meant	meant
meet	met	met
melt	melted	molten/melted

Base form (Infinitive)	Simple past	Past participle
misspell	misspelled/misspelt	misspelled/misspelt
mistake	mistook	mistaken
mow	mowed	mown/mowed
overcome	overcame	overcome
overtake	overtook	overtaken
pay	paid	paid
put	put	put
quit	quit	quit
read	read (pronounced "red")	read (pronounced "red")
ride	rode	ridden
ring	rang	rung
rise	rose	risen
run	ran	run
saw	sawed	sawn/sawed
say	said	said
see	saw	seen
seek	sought	sought
sell	sold	sold
send	sent	sent
set	set	set

Base form (Infinitive)	Simple past	Past participle
sew	sewed	sewn/sewed
shake	shook	shaken
shed	shed	shed
shine	shone/shined	shone/shined
shoot	shot	shot
show	showed	shown/showed
shrink	shrank/shrunk	shrunk/shrunken
shut	shut	shut
sing	sang	sung
sink	sank	sunk
sit	sat	sat
sleep	slept	slept
slide	slid	slid
sling	slung	slung
slink	slunk	slunk
slit	slit	slit
smell	smelt/smelled	smelt/smelled
speak	spoke	spoken
speed	sped	sped
spend	spent	spent

Base form (Infinitive)	Simple past	Past participle
spin	spun	spun
spit	spat	spat
split	split	split
spoil	spoilt/spoiled	spoilt/spoiled
spread	spread	spread
spring	sprang	sprung
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
swing	swung	swung
take	took	taken
teach	taught	taught

Base form (Infinitive)	Simple past	Past participle
tear	tore	torn
tell	told	told
think	thought	thought
throw	threw	thrown
thrust	thrust	thrust
tread	trod	trodden/trod
understand	understood	understood
uphold	upheld	upheld
upset	upset	upset
wake	woke	woken
wear	wore	worn
weave	wove	woven
wed	wed/wedded	wed/wedded
weep	wept	wept
wet	wet/wetted	wet/wetted
win	won	won
wind	wound	wound
withdraw	withdrew	withdrawn
withhold	withheld	withheld
withstand	withstood	withstood

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Base form (Infinitive)	Simple past	Past participle
wring	wrung	wrung
write	wrote	written