

# Irregular verb table

The following table is not a complete list of all the irregular verbs in English, but it contains many of the most common. It does not contain any modal verbs. For information about modal verbs, see the 'Grammar glossary' under 'Modal verb'.

Infinitive	Past form	Past participle
be	was/were	been
beat	beat	beaten
become	became	become
begin	began	begun
bend	bent	bent
break	broke	broken
bring	brought	brought
broadcast	broadcast	broadcast
build	built	built
burn	burnt (burned) <sup>1</sup>	burnt (burned)
buy	bought	bought
catch	caught	caught
choose	chose	chosen
come	came	come
cost	cost	cost
cut	cut	cut
deal	dealt	dealt
do	did	done
draw	drew	drawn
drink	drank	drunk
drive	drove	driven
eat	ate	eaten
fall	fell	fallen
feel	felt	felt
fight	fought	fought
find	found	found
fly	flew	flown
forbid	forbade/forbad	forbidden

<sup>1</sup> Where regular past forms and past participles also exist, they are given in brackets after the irregular form.

Infinitive	Past form	Past participle
forecast	forecast	forecast
forget	forgot	forgotten
get	got	got
give	gave	given
go	went	gone/been <sup>2</sup>
grow	grew	grown
have	had	had
hear	heard	heard
hit	hit	hit
hold	held	held
keep	kept	kept
kneel	knelt (kneeled)	knelt (kneeled)
know	knew	known
lead	led	led
learn	learnt (learned)	learnt (learned)
leave	left	left
lend	lent	lent
let	let	let
lie	lay	lain
lose	lost	lost
make	made	made
mean	meant	meant
meet	met	met
pay	paid	paid
prove	proved	proven (proved)
put	put	put
read	read	read
ring	rang	rung
rise	rose	risen
run	ran	run
say	said	said

<sup>2</sup> 'Go' has two past participles that are used to express different ideas: 'gone' and 'been'. Note how they are used differently: 'She has gone to New York' means 'She has travelled to New York and is still there', whereas 'She has been to New York' means 'She has visited New York and returned'.

<b>Infinitive</b>	<b>Past form</b>	<b>Past participle</b>	<b>Infinitive</b>	<b>Past form</b>	<b>Past participle</b>
see	saw	seen	stand	stood	stood
sell	sold	sold	steal	stole	stolen
send	sent	sent	swim	swam	swum
set	set	set	take	took	taken
show	showed	shown	teach	taught	taught
shrink	shrank	shrunk	tell	told	told
shut	shut	shut	think	thought	thought
sit	sat	sat	throw	threw	thrown
sleep	slept	slept	understand	understood	understood
speak	spoke	spoken	wake	woke	woken
spell	spelt (spelled)	spelt (spelled)	wear	wore	worn
spend	spent	spent	win	won	won
spread	spread	spread	write	wrote	written