

Past Simple & Past Participle – Irregular Verbs

Many verbs are irregular in the past tenses. Here are some common irregular verbs.

Infinitive	Past Simple	Past Participle
be	was /were	been
become	became	become
begin	began	begun
bite	bit	bitten
blow	blew	blown
break	broke	broken
bring	brought	brought
build	built	built
burn	burnt (or burned)*	burnt (or burned)*
buy	bought	bought
catch	caught	caught
choose	chose	chosen
come	came	come
cost	cost	cost
cut	cut	cut
do	did	done
draw	drew	drawn
dream	dreamt (or dreamed)*	dreamt (or dreamed)*
drink	drank	drunk
drive	drove	driven
eat	ate	eaten
fall	fell	fallen
feel	felt	felt
fight	fought	fought
find	found	found
fly	flew	flown
forget	forgot	forgotten
get	got	got
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
learn	learned (or learnt)*	learned (or learnt)*
leave	left	left
lend	lent	lent
let	let	let
lie**	lay	lain
light	lit	lit
lose	lost	lost

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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
shine	shone	shone
shoot	shot	shot
shut	shut	shut
sing	sang	sung
sit	sat	sat
sleep	slept	slept
speak	spoke	spoken
spend	spent	spent
stand	stood	stood
steal	stole	stolen
swear	swore	sworn
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
win	won	won
write	wrote	written

* These verbs may either be regular by adding the ending **-ed** or *irregular* by adding **-t**.
(Note: **-ed** is used more in American English and **-t** in British English)

** There are two different verbs “lie”. One is regular and the other is irregular:
Lie (to lie down): I **lay** down on the bed and went to sleep.
Lie (to not tell the truth): I **lied** when I said I said I was sick.

*** The verb “**read**” has the *same* spelling, but different pronunciation:
 - **Infinitive**: read (pronounced, “**reed**”)
 - **Past simple** and **past participle**: read (pronounced, “**red**”)