**Irregular Verbs**

Irregular verbs are an important feature of English. We use irregular verbs a lot when speaking, less when writing. Of course, the most famous English verb of all, the verb "to be", is irregular.

What is the difference between [regular verbs](http://www.englishclub.com/vocabulary/regular-verbs.htm) and irregular verbs?

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|  | **Base Form** | **Past Simple** | **Past Participle** |
| With **regular** verbs, the rule is simple... | | | |
| The past simple and past participle always end in -ed: | finish | finish**ed** | finish**ed** |
| stop | stopp**ed** | stopp**ed** |
| work | work**ed** | work**ed** |
| But with **irregular** verbs, there is no rule... | | | |
| Sometimes the verb changes completely: | sing | sang | sung |
| Sometimes there is "half" a change: | buy | bought | bought |
| Sometimes there is no change: | cut | cut | cut |

One good way to learn irregular verbs is to try sorting them into groups, as above.

**Irregular Verbs List**

This is a list of some irregular verbs in English. Of course, there are many others, but these are the more common irregular verbs.

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| **V1 Base Form** | **V2 Past Simple** | **V3 Past Participle** |
| awake | awoke | awoken |
| be | was, were | been |
| beat | beat | beaten |
| become | became | become |
| begin | began | begun |
| bend | bent | bent |
| bet | bet | bet |
| bid | bid | bid |
| bite | bit | bitten |
| blow | blew | blown |
| break | broke | broken |
| bring | brought | brought |
| broadcast | broadcast | broadcast |
| build | built | built |
| burn | burned/burnt | burned/burnt |
| buy | bought | bought |
| catch | caught | caught |
| choose | chose | chosen |
| **V1 Base Form** | **V2 Past Simple** | **V3 Past Participle** |
| come | came | come |
| cost | cost | cost |
| cut | cut | cut |
| dig | dug | dug |
| do | did | done |
| draw | drew | drawn |
| dream | dreamed/dreamt | dreamed/dreamt |
| drive | drove | driven |
| drink | drank | drunk |
| eat | ate | eaten |
| fall | fell | fallen |
| feel | felt | felt |
| fight | fought | fought |
| find | found | found |
| fly | flew | flown |
| forget | forgot | forgotten |
| forgive | forgave | forgiven |
| freeze | froze | frozen |
| get | got | got (*sometimes* gotten) |
| give | gave | given |
| go | went | gone |
| grow | grew | grown |
| hang | hung | hung |
| **V1 Base Form** | **V2 Past Simple** | **V3 Past Participle** |
| 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 |
| learn | learned/learnt | learned/learnt |
| 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 |
| put | put | put |
| read | read | read |
| ride | rode | ridden |
| **V1 Base Form** | **V2 Past Simple** | **V3 Past Participle** |
| ring | rang | rung |
| rise | rose | risen |
| run | ran | run |
| say | said | said |
| see | saw | seen |
| sell | sold | sold |
| send | sent | sent |
| show | showed | showed/shown |
| shut | shut | shut |
| sing | sang | sung |
| sit | sat | sat |
| sleep | slept | slept |
| speak | spoke | spoken |
| spend | spent | spent |
| stand | stood | stood |
| swim | swam | swum |
| take | took | taken |
| teach | taught | taught |
| tear | tore | torn |
| tell | told | told |
| think | thought | thought |
| throw | threw | thrown |
| understand | understood | understood |
| **V1 Base Form** | **V2 Past Simple** | **V3 Past Participle** |
| wake | woke | woken |
| wear | wore | worn |
| win | won | won |
| write | wrote | written |