

Irregular Verbs

Some verbs don't follow the normal rules for forming the past tense and participle (adding "-ed" to the end of the word), and may have different forms for the past tense and participle. The following table shows some common irregular verbs. Note that verbs that have an irregular verb as roots, like "understand" or "oversee," are usually also irregular verbs, and have the same participle and past tense endings as their root words. For example: the past and participle forms of "understand" and "oversee" are "understood" and "oversaw, not "understanded" or "overseed."

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Base	Past Tense	Participle	Base	Past Tense	Participle	Base	Past Tense	Participle
bear	bore	born / borne	give	gave	given	shrink	shrank / shrunk	shrunk
beat	beat	beaten	go	went	gone	shut	shut	shut
begin	began	begun	grind	ground	ground	sing	sang	sung
bend	bent	bent	grow	grew	grown	sink	sank / sunk	sunk
bet	bet	bet	hang	hung	hung	sit	sat	sat
bid	bid	bid / bidden	have	had	had	slay	slew	slai
bind	bound	bound	hear	heard	heard	sleep	slept	slept
bite	bit	bitten	hide	hid	hidden	slide	slid	slid
bleed	bled	bled	hit	hit	hit	sling	slung	slung
blow	blew	blown	hold	held	held	speak	spoke	spoken
break	broke	broken	hurt	hurt	hurt	spend	spent	spent
breed	bred	bred	keep	kept	kept	spin	spun	spun
bring	brought	brought	know	knew	known	split	split	split
build	built	built	lay	laid	laid	spread	spread	spread
burst	burst	burst	lead	led	led	spring	sprang / sprung	sprung
buy	bought	bought	leave	left	left	stand	stood	stood
cast	cast	cast	lend	lent	lent	steal	stole	stolen
catch	caught	caught	let	let	let	stick	stuck	stuck
choose	chose	chosen	lie*	lay	lain	sting	stung	stung

Base	Past Tense	Participle	Base	Past Tense	Participle	Base	Past Tense	Participle
cling	clung	clung	light	lit	lit	stink	stunk / stank	stunk
come	came	come	lose	lost	lost	stride	strode	stridden
cost	cost	cost	make	made	made	strike	struck	struck / stricken
creep	crept	crept	mean	meant	meant	string	strung	strung
cut	cut	cut	meet	met	met	swear	swore	sworn
deal	dealt	dealt	pay	paid	paid	sweep	swept	swept
dig	dug	dug	put	put	put	swim	swam	swum
dive	dove	dived	quit	quit	quit	swing	swung	swung
do	did	done	read	read	read	take	took	taken
draw	drew	drawn	rid	rid	rid	teach	taught	taught
drink	drank	drunk	ride	rode	ridden	tear	tore	torn
drive	drove	driven	ring	rang	rung	tell	told	told
eat	ate	eaten	rise	rose	risen	think	thought	thought
fall	fell	fallen	run	ran	run	throw	threw	thrown
feed	fed	fed	say	said	said	thrust	thrust	thrust
feel	felt	felt	see	saw	seen	tread	trod	trodden / trod
fight	fought	fought	seek	sought	sought	wear	wore	worn
find	found	found	sell	sold	sold	weep	wept	wept
flee	fled	fled	send	sent	sent	win	won	won
fling	flung	flung	set	set	set	wind	wound	wound
fly	flew	flown	shake	shook	shaken	write	wrote	
freeze	froze	frozen	shed	shed	shed			
get	got	gotten	shoot	shot	shot			

*"Lie" in the sense of "to lie down in bed" is an irregular verb. "Lie" in the sense of "to tell a lie" is a regular verb, and "lied" is its past tense and participle.