

Past Tense - Irregular Verbs

There are some verbs that do not take an -ed ending in the past tense.

Irregular Past Tense Verbs				
	Simple Form	Past Tense	Simple Form	Past Tense
Simple and past forms are the same .	cost cut hit hurt	cost cut hit hurt	let put quit shut	let put quit shut
Simple form ends in -d and the past form ends in -t .	bend build lend	bent built lent	spend send	spent sent
Consonant changes or add a consonant.	have hear	had heard	lose make	lost made
Vowel changes.	begin bleed come choose drink drive eat fall find get give	began bled came chose drank drove ate fell found got gave	grow know ride ring run sing take tear throw win write	grew knew rode rang ran sang took tore threw won wrote
Consonant and vowel changes.	be bring buy catch creep do fly go keep	was / were brought bought caught crept did flew went kept	leave lie pay say sell sleep teach tell think	left lay paid said sold slept taught told thought

1 PRACTICE Fill in the blanks with the correct simple past tense of the verbs in parentheses.

Yesterday _____ [**be**] a busy day. I only _____ [**sleep**] for four hours Monday night but my alarm clock _____ [**ring**] at 5:30 am. My husband _____ [**go**] to bed late too so I _____ [**shut**] the alarm off quickly so it _____ [**not wake**] him up. I _____ [**let**] him sleep in until 7:30 am. I _____ [**get**] out of bed and I _____ [**take**] out my phone. I _____ [**send**] a couple of emails to my friends. I _____ [**put**] on my running shoes and _____ [**leave**] for my run. I _____ [**run**] 8 kilometres! On my way home I _____ [**buy**] a newspaper. I _____ [**make**] eggs and toast for breakfast. I _____ [**catch**] up on the news while I _____ [**eat**] my breakfast. I also _____ [**drink**] two glasses of water. After breakfast, I _____ [**begin**] my work for the day. I _____ [**have**] a very long to-do list but I _____ [**get**] it all done before lunch! I _____ [**be**] very proud of myself.

2 PRACTICE Complete the table below with the simple or past tense form of each verb.

Simple Form	Past Tense	Simple Form	Past Tense	Simple Form	Past Tense
bring		hear		win	
	lost		left		hurt
build		go		give	
	hit		drank		quit
choose		see		come	
	bled		broke		wrote
drive		swim		know	
	lay		stole		thought
sing		buy		lend	
	grew		ate		sat
ride		have		throw	
	taught		said		flew

Expressions of Past Time

yesterday	a year ago	next
last night, Monday, week, year...	a long time ago	the next day
in 1910, April	a few minutes ago	after that
on Tuesday, the weekend, November 18...	at 2:00 pm	a week later
		then

3 PRACTICE Fill in the blanks with the correct simple past tense of the verbs in parentheses and indicate the expression of past time in the sentence.

*There are regular and irregular verbs.

Expression of past time

I rode [ride] the bus to school yesterday. yesterday

1. He _____ [fly] his first airplane on August 15, 1958. _____
2. My sister _____ [make] a cake for our mom's birthday last weekend. _____
3. We _____ [not order] take-in Friday night. _____
4. I _____ [phone] my grandmother in Poland two days ago. _____
5. The children _____ [play] at the park this afternoon. _____
6. My family _____ [come] to Canada in 1929. _____
7. Next, he _____ [throw] a baseball with his son. _____
8. He _____ [lose] his front teeth a long time ago. _____