

(6) IRREGULAR VERBS: PAST PARTICIPLES

C	X	Y	X	S	P	O	K	E	N
D	N	E	E	B	F	O	T	R	E
L	H	R	O	M	W	R	H	O	T
O	H	F	Y	E	I	I	G	O	T
S	K	L	A	E	D	B	U	C	I
I	O	T	D	L	E	N	O	D	R
Z	E	C	U	R	L	V	B	G	W
N	H	V	K	D	U	R	Q	S	F
N	E	S	O	H	C	N	N	S	O
Y	X	A	Y	R	O	P	K	B	A

ACTIVITY 1: Find the past participles of the infinitive verbs and complete the table.

INFINITIVE	PAST SIMPLE	PAST PARTICIPLE	INFINITIVE	PAST SIMPLE	PAST PARTICIPLE
<i>BE</i>			<i>DRINK</i>		
<i>BUY</i>			<i>FALL</i>		
<i>CHOOSE</i>			<i>SELL</i>		
<i>DO</i>			<i>SPEAK</i>		
<i>EAT</i>			<i>WRITE</i>		

ACTIVITY 2: Write three sentences using any of the verb forms.

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ACTIVITY 3: Read about the PRESENT PERFECT. Write TRUE or FALSE in the sentences.

Present Perfect Tense

The present perfect tense refers to an action or state that either occurred at an indefinite time in the past (e.g., we have talked before) or began in the past and continued to the present time (e.g., he has grown impatient over the last hour). This tense is formed by **have/has + the past participle**.

The construction of this **verb tense** is straightforward. The first element is *have* or *has*, depending on the subject the verb is conjugated with. The second element is the past **participle** of the verb, which is usually formed by adding -ed or -d to the verb's root (e.g., walked, cleaned, typed, perambulated, jumped, laughed, sautéed) although English does have quite a few verbs that have irregular past participles (e.g., done, said, gone, known, won, thought, felt, eaten).

These examples show how the present perfect can describe something that occurred or was the state of things at an unspecified time in the past.

I **have walked** on this path before. TRUE / FALSE

We **have eaten** the lasagna here. TRUE / FALSE

Keep in mind that you can't use the present perfect when you are being specific about when the action happens.

I **have put away** all the laundry. TRUE / FALSE

I **have put away** all the laundry at 10:00 this morning. TRUE / FALSE

You can use the present perfect to talk about the duration of something that started in the past is still happening.

She **has had** the chickenpox since Tuesday.