

Below, you will find a list of the most **common irregular verbs in English**. You should know these by heart. To assist you in learning, they have been grouped according to their ending patterns.

Remember that the **base form** is used with the simple present tense. (Example: "I often forget my umbrella.") The **simple past** form is used with the simple past tense. (Example: "I forgot my umbrella yesterday.") The **past participle** is used with the perfect tenses, such as present and past perfect. (Example: "Oh no! It's raining and I've forgotten my umbrella.")

Group 1 – All three forms of the verb are the same

☒	Base Form	Simple Past	Past Participle
☐	bet	bet	bet
☐	cost	cost	cost
☐	cut	cut	cut
☐	hit	hit	hit
☐	hurt	hurt	hurt
☐	let	let	let
☐	put	put	put
☐	shut	shut	shut

Group 2 – The 2nd and 3rd forms of the verb are the same

☒	Base Form	Simple Past	Past Participle
☐	lose	lost	lost
☐	shoot	shot	shot
☐	get	got	got
☐	light	lit	lit
☐	sit	sat	sat
☐	keep	kept	kept
☐	sleep	slept	slept
☐	feel	felt	felt
☐	leave	left	left
☐	meet	met	met
☐	bring	brought	brought
☐	buy	bought	bought
☐	fight	fought	fought
☐	think	thought	thought

☒	Base Form	Simple Past	Past Participle
☐	catch	caught	caught
☐	teach	taught	taught
☐	sell	sold	sold
☐	tell	told	told
☐	pay	paid	paid
☐	make	made	made
☐	stand	stood	stood
☐	understand	understood	understood
☐	lend	lent	lent
☐	send	sent	sent
☐	spend	spent	spent
☐	build	built	built
☐	find	found	found
☐	have	had	had
☐	hear	heard	heard
☐	hold	held	held
☐	read	read (pronounced red)	read (pronounced red)
☐	say	said	said

Group 3 – All three forms of the verb are different

☒	Base Form	Simple Past	Past Participle
☐	drive	drove	driven
☐	ride	rode	ridden
☐	rise	rose	risen
☐	write	wrote	written
☐	bite	bit	bitten
☐	hide	hid	hidden
☐	break	broke	broken
☐	choose	chose	chosen
☐	speak	spoke	spoken

☒	Base Form	Simple Past	Past Participle
☐	wake	woke	woken
☐	blow	blew	blown
☐	grow	grew	grown
☐	know	knew	known
☐	fly	flew	flown
☐	draw	drew	drawn
☐	show	showed	shown
☐	wear	wore	worn
☐	tear	tore	torn
☐	begin	began	begun
☐	drink	drank	drunk
☐	swim	swam	swum
☐	ring	rang	rung
☐	sing	sang	sung
☐	eat	ate	eaten
☐	fall	fell	fallen
☐	forget	forgot	forgotten
☐	give	gave	given
☐	see	saw	seen
☐	take	took	taken