

# - A SELECTION OF IRREGULAR VERBS -

There are more than 20.000 verbs in the English language, among which about 200 are irregular: that's not a lot (less than 1%)! However, a vast majority of these 200 irregular verbs are very frequently used. In fact, most common verbs, like "be", "have", "sleep", "eat", etc., are irregular! (Granted: some major verbs are regular, such as "live", "love", "work"....)

So why are so many frequently used verbs irregular? Well, the answer is simple: they are irregular **because** they are frequently used! Over time, they've been damaged and modified by people, hence their weird forms (unsurprisingly, the most irregular of all verbs is "be – was/were – been"!).

VERB	PRETERIT	PAST PART.	FRENCH
Bear	bore	borne	Supporter
Beat	beat	beaten	Battre
Become	became	become	Devenir
Begin	began	begun	Commencer
Bet	bet	bet	Parier
Bind	bound	bound	(re)Lier
Bite	bit	bitten	Mordre
Bleed	bled	bled	Saigner
Blow	blew	blown	Souffler
Break	broke	broken	Casser
Bring	brought	brought	Apporter
Build	built	built	Construire
Burn	burnt / burned	burnt / burned	Brûler
Buy	bought	bought	Acheter
Cast	cast	cast	Jeter / diffuser
Catch	caught	caught	Attraper
Choose	chose	chosen	Choisir
Come	came	come	Venir
Cost	cost	cost	Coûter
Cut	cut	cut	Couper
Deal	dealt	dealt	Vendre/distribuer
Dig	dug	dug	Creuser
Do	did	done	Faire
Draw	drew	drawn	Dessiner / tirer
Drink	drank	drunk	Boire
Drive	drove	driven	Conduire
Eat	ate	eaten	Manger
Fall	fell	fallen	Tomber
feed	fed	fed	Nourrir
Feel	felt	felt	Ressentir
Fight	fought	fought	Se battre
Find	found	found	Trouver
Flee	fled	fled	S'enfuir
Fly	flew	flown	Voler
Forbid	forbade	forbidden	Interdire
Forget	forgot	forgotten	Oublier
Forgive	forgave	forgiven	Pardonner
Freeze	froze	frozen	Geler
Get	got	got	Obtenir / aller
Give	gave	given	Donner
Go	went	gone	Aller
Grow	grew	grown	Grandir / élever
Have	had	had	Avoir
Hear	heard	heard	Entendre
Hide	hid	hidden	(se) Cacher
Hit	hit	hit	Frapper/atteindre
Hold	held	held	Tenir
Hurt	hurt	hurt	Blesser

Keep	kept	kept	Garder
Know	knew	known	Savoir / connaître
Lay	laid	laid	Poser / mettre
Lead	led	led	mener
learn	learned / learnt	learned / learnt	Apprendre
Leave	left	left	Partir / quitter
Lend	lent	lent	Prêter
Let	let	let	Laisser / permettre
Lie	lay	lain	Être étendu
Light	lit	lit	Allumer
Lose	lost	lost	Perdre
Make	made	made	Faire
Mean	meant	meant	Signifier
Pay	paid	paid	Payer
Put	put	put	Mettre
Quit	quit	quit	Cesser (de...)
Read	read [e]	read [e]	Lire
Ride	rode	ridden	Conduire / monter
Ring	rang	rung	Sonner
Rise	rose	risen	S'élever / se lever
Run	ran	run	Courir
Say	said	said	Dire
See	saw	seen	Voir
Seek	sought	sought	Rechercher
Sell	sold	sold	Vendre
Send	sent	sent	Envoyer
Shake	shook	shaken	Secouer
shine	shone	shone	Briller
Shoot	shot	shot	Tirer
Show	showed (reg)	shown	(dé)Montrer
shrink	shrank	shrunk	Rétrécir
Shut	shut	shut	Fermer
Sing	sang	sung	Chanter
Sit	sat	sat	Être assis
Sleep	slept	slept	Dormir
Sow	sowed	sown	Semer
Speak	spoke	spoken	Parler
Spend	spent	spent	Dépenser / passer
Split	split	split	Diviser / fendre
Spread	spread	spread	Répancre / étaler
Stand	stood	stood	Se tenir (debout)
Steal	stole	stolen	Voler / dérober
Stick	stuck	stuck	Coller
Stink	stank	stunk	Puer
Strike	struck	struck	Frapper
swear	swore	sworn	Jurer
Swim	swam	swum	Nager
Take	took	taken	Prendre
Teach	taught	taught	Enseigner
Tear	tore	torn	Déchirer
Tell	told	told	Dire / raconter
Think	thought	thought	Penser
Throw	threw	thrown	Jeter
Understand	understood	understood	Comprendre
(A)Wake	(a)woke	(a)woken	(se) Réveiller
Wear	wore	worn	Porter / user
Win	won	won	Gagner
Write	wrote	written	Écrire