

# Irregular Verbs: An Alphabetical Reference List

NOTE: Verbs followed by a bullet (•) are defined at the end of the list on the inside back cover.

Simple Form	Simple Past	Past Participle	Simple Form	Simple Past	Past Participle
arise	arose	arisen	fly	flew	flown
awake	awoke	awoken	forbid	forbade	forbidden
be	was, were	been	forecast•	forecast	forecast
bear	bore	borne/born	forget	forgot	forgotten
beat	beat	beaten/beat	forgive	forgave	forgiven
become	became	become	forsake•	forsook	forsaken
begin	began	begun	freeze	froze	frozen
bend	bent	bent	get	got	gotten/got*
bet•	bet	bet	give	gave	given
bid•	bid	bid	go	went	gone
bind•	bound	bound	grind•	ground	ground
bite	bit	bitten	grow	grew	grown
bleed	bled	bled	hang**	hung	hung
blow	blew	blown	have	had	had
break	broke	broken	hear	heard	heard
breed•	bred	bred	hide	hid	hidden
bring	brought	brought	hit	hit	hit
broadcast•	broadcast	broadcast	hold	held	held
build	built	built	hurt	hurt	hurt
burn	burned/burnt	burned/burnt	keep	kept	kept
burst•	burst	burst	kneel	kneeled/knelt	kneeled/knelt
buy	bought	bought	know	knew	known
cast•	cast	cast	lay	laid	laid
catch	caught	caught	lead	led	led
choose	chose	chosen	lean	leaned/leant	leaned/leant
cling•	clung	clung	leap	leaped/leapt	leaped/leapt
come	came	come	learn	learned/learnt	learned/learnt
cost	cost	cost	leave	left	left
creep•	crept	crept	lend	lent	lent
cut	cut	cut	let	let	let
deal•	dealt	dealt	lie	lay	lain
dig	dug	dug	light	lighted/lit	lighted/lit
do	did	done	lose	lost	lost
draw	drew	drawn	make	made	made
dream	dreamed/dreamt	dreamed/dreamt	mean	meant	meant
drink	drank	drunk	meet	met	met
drive	drove	driven	mislay	mislaid	mislaid
eat	ate	eaten	mistake	mistook	mistaken
fall	fell	fallen	pay	paid	paid
feed	fed	fed	prove	proved	proven/proved
feel	felt	felt	put	put	put
fight	fought	fought	quit***	quit	quit
find	found	found	read	read	read
fit	fit/fitted	fit/fitted	rid	rid	rid
flee•	fled	fled	ride	rode	ridden
fling•	flung	flung	ring	rang	rung

\*In British English: *get-got-got*. In American English: *get-got-gotten/got*.

\*\**Hang* is a regular verb when it means to kill someone with a rope around his/her neck.

COMPARE: I **hung** my clothes in the closet. They **hanged** the murderer by the neck until he was dead.

\*\*\*Also possible in British English: *quit-quit-quit*.

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# Irregular Verbs: An Alphabetical Reference List (continued)

Simple Form	Simple Past	Past Participle	Simple Form	Simple Past	Past Participle
rise	rose	risen	spring•	sprang/sprung	sprung
run	ran	run	stand	stood	stood
say	said	said	steal	stole	stolen
see	saw	seen	stick	stuck	stuck
seek•	sought	sought	sting•	stung	stung
sell	sold	sold	stink•	stank/stunk	stunk
send	sent	sent	strike•	struck	struck/stricken
set	set	set	strive•	strove/strived	striven/strived
shake	shook	shaken	string	strung	strung
shed•	shed	shed	swear	swore	sworn
shine	shone/shined	shone/shined	sweep	swept	swept
shoot	shot	shot	swell	swelled	swelled/swollen
show	showed	shown/showed	swim	swam	swum
shrink•	shrank/shrunk	shrunk	swing•	swung	swung
shut	shut	shut	take	took	taken
sing	sang	sung	teach	taught	taught
sink•	sank	sunk	tear	tore	torn
sit	sat	sat	tell	told	told
sleep	slept	slept	think	thought	thought
slide•	slid	slid	throw	threw	thrown
slit•	slit	slit	thrust•	thrust	thrust
smell	smelled/smelt	smelled/smelt	understand	understood	understood
sneak	sneaked/snuck	sneaked/snuck	undertake	undertook	undertaken
speak	spoke	spoken	upset	upset	upset
speed	sped/speeded	sped/speeded	wake	woke/waked	woken
spell	spelled/spelt	spelled/spelt	wear	wore	worn
spend	spent	spent	weave•	wove	woven
spill	spilled/spilt	spilled/spilt	weep•	wept	wept
spin•	spun	spun	win	won	won
spit	spit/spat	spit/spat	wind•	wound	wound
split•	split	split	withdraw	withdrew	withdrawn
spoil	spoiled/spoilt	spoiled/spoilt	write	wrote	written
spread•	spread	spread			

## •Definitions of some of the less frequently used irregular verbs:

bet . . . . . wager; offer to pay money if one loses	forecast . . . predict a future occurrence	sting . . . . . cause pain with a sharp object (e.g., pin) or bite (e.g., by an insect)
bid . . . . . make an offer of money, usually at a public sale	forsake . . . . abandon or desert	strike . . . . . hit something with force
bind . . . . . fasten or secure	grind . . . . . crush, reduce to small pieces	strive . . . . . try hard to achieve a goal
breed . . . . . bring animals together to produce young	seek . . . . . look for	swing . . . . . move back and forth
broadcast . . send information by radio waves; announce	shed . . . . . drop off or get rid of	thrust . . . . . push forcibly; shove
burst . . . . . explode; break suddenly	shrink . . . . . become smaller	weave . . . . . form by passing pieces of material over and under each other (as in making baskets, cloth)
cast . . . . . throw	sink . . . . . move downward, often under water	weep . . . . . cry
cling . . . . . hold on tightly	slide . . . . . glide smoothly; slip or skid	wind . . . . . (sounds like <i>find</i> ) turn around and around
creep . . . . . crawl close to the ground; move slowly and quietly	slit . . . . . cut a narrow opening	
deal . . . . . distribute playing cards to each person; give attention to (deal with)	spin . . . . . turn rapidly around a central point	
flee . . . . . escape; run away	split . . . . . divide into two or more parts	
fling . . . . . throw with force	spread . . . . push out in all directions (e.g., butter on bread, news)	
	spring . . . . . jump or rise suddenly from a still position	