

Irregular Verbs

Simple Present, Simple Past and Present Perfect Tenses

This is a list of Irregular Verbs. I will read the base form, the simple past tense and the past participle of the verb. Then, I will read the verb in three sentences, a simple present tense sentence, a simple past tense sentence and a present perfect tense sentence.

There will be time for you to repeat the verbs and sentences. Try it, it is good practice!

Base	Past	Past Participle	Sentences
Be	was / were	been	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		I <i>am</i> in class now.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		I <i>was</i> in class yesterday.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		I <i>have been</i> in class since 6:30pm.
Become	became	become	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		Many people <i>become</i> U.S. citizens every year.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		My sister <i>became</i> a U.S. citizen last month.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		My sister <i>has</i> just <i>become</i> a U.S. citizen.
Begin	began	begun	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		We <i>begin</i> class at 8:30am every day.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		We <i>began</i> class at 8:30am yesterday
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		We <i>have</i> just <i>begun</i> class.
Bend	bent	bent	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		Maria always <i>bends</i> the straw.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		Maria <i>bent</i> the straw and put it in the can of soda.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		Maria <i>has bent</i> the straw many times.
Bite	bit	bitten	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		Some dogs <i>bite</i> people
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		A dog <i>bit</i> a man yesterday.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		Those dogs <i>have bitten</i> people a few times.

Base	Past	Past participle	Sentences
Blow	blew	blown	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		The wind blows all the time.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		A strong wind blew yesterday afternoon.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		The wind has blown for a few hours.
Break	broke	broken	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		The dishwasher usually breaks a couple of glasses.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		The dishwasher broke a couple of glasses today.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		The dishwasher has broken three glasses this week.
Bring	brought	brought	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		We bring our books to class every night.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		We brought our books to class last night.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		We have brought our books to class since last fall.
Buy	bought	bought	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		They buy a new car every summer.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		They bought a new car last summer.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		They have just bought a new car.
Catch	caught	caught	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		The boy always catches the ball.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		The boy caught the ball yesterday.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		The boy has caught the ball for three hours.
Choose	chose	chosen	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		You choose to take ESL classes.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		You chose to take classes at this school last month.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		You have already chosen to take classes at this school.
Come	came	come	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		Fadumo comes to class early every morning.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		Fadumo came to class early yesterday morning.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		Fadumo has come to class early since September.

Base	Past	Past participle	Sentences
Cost	cost	cost	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		The new coat costs \$45.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		The new coat cost \$45 last week.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		The coat has cost \$45 since last month.
Cut	cut	cut	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		The cook usually cuts the meat.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		The cook cut the meat one hour ago.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		The cook has just cut the meat into small pieces.
Do	did	done	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		You do your laundry every weekend.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		You did your laundry last weekend.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		You have done your laundry every weekend since you moved to Minnesota.
Draw	drew	drawn	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		The young girl draws a picture in class
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		The young girl drew a beautiful picture last week.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		The young girl has drawn many pictures.
Drink	drank	drunk	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		I drink orange juice for breakfast every morning.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		I drank orange juice for breakfast yesterday.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		I have drunk orange juice for many years.
Drive	drove	driven	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		Mohamed drives to school every evening.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		Mohamed drove to school today.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		Mohamed has driven to school since last October.
Eat	ate	eaten	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		I eat lunch at 12:00 every day.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		I ate lunch at 12:00 yesterday.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		I have eaten lunch at 12:00 for a few years.

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Fall	fell	fallen	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		I usually fall on the ice every winter.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		I fell on the ice last winter.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		I have just fallen on the ice on the way to work.
Feed	fed	fed	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		The mother feeds the children every evening.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		The mother fed the children last night.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		The mother has fed the children since they were young.
Feel	felt	felt	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		I feel terrible today.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		I felt terrible last night.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		I have felt terrible for a couple of days.
Fight	fought	fought	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		The two men fight in the street.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		The two men fought in the street yesterday.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		The two men have just fought in the street.
Fly	flew	flown	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		Mai flies to Los Angeles every year.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		Mai flew to Los Angeles last month.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		Mai has flown to Los Angeles a number of times.
Forget	forgot	forgotten	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		You always forget to bring a pencil to class.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		You forgot to bring a pencil to class yesterday.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		You have forgotten to bring a pencil for many days.
Get	got	gotten	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		She gets on the bus early every morning.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		She got on the bus early this morning.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		She has already gotten on the bus.

Base	Past	Past participle	Sentences
Give	gave	given	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		Her brother gives her a ride to work every day.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		Her brother gave her a ride to work yesterday.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		Her brother has given her a ride to work every day since they moved to Minnesota.
Go	went	gone	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		They go to the Mall of America every Sunday.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		They went to the Mall of America last Sunday.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		They have gone to the Mall of America for many years.
Grow	grew	grown	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		Fanta grows tomatoes every summer.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		Fanta grew tomatoes last summer.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		Fanta has grown tomatoes for a few years.
Hang	hung	hung	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		I usually hang my jacket in the closet.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		I hung my jacket in the closet 2 hours ago.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		I have hung my jacket in the closet for many years.
Have	had	had	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		Omar has a very bad headache.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		Omar had a very bad headache last night.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		Omar has had a very bad headache for a few hours.
Hear	heard	heard	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		Tigist hears the birds sing every morning.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		Tigist heard the birds sing yesterday morning.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		Tigist has heard the birds sing since last spring.

Base	Past	Past participle	Sentences
Hide	hid	hidden	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		Sometimes, I hide my money under my bed.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		I hid my money under my bed last year.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		I have hidden my money under my bed for a few years.
Hit	hit	hit	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		The baseball player always hits the ball.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		The baseball player hit the ball 5 minutes ago.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		The baseball player has just hit the ball.
Hold	held	held	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		I hold the pencil in my hand.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		I held the pencil in my hand 10 minutes ago.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		I have held the pencil in my hand for 25 minutes.
Hurt	hurt	hurt	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		Ali hardly ever hurts his back at work.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		Ali hurt his back at work last month.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		Ali has hurt his back at work recently.
Keep	kept	kept	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		We always keep our books in our bags.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		We kept our books in our bags yesterday.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		We have kept our books in our bags for a while.
Know	knew	known	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		I know my neighbor very well.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		I knew her before I moved to Minnesota.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		I have known her since I was a child.
Leave	left	left	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		Maria hardly ever leaves her umbrella on the bus.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		Maria left her umbrella on the bus yesterday.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		Maria has just left her umbrella on the bus.

Base	Past	Past participle	Sentences
Lend	lent	lent	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		You lend your brother money every month.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		You lent your brother money last month.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		You have lent your brother money since he lost his job.
Lose	lost	lost	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		I rarely lose my wallet.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		I lost my wallet in the store last night.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		I have lost my wallet twice so far this year.
Make	made	made	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		The young woman makes dinner every night.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		The young woman made dinner last night.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		The young woman has made dinner every night for years.
Meet	met	met	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		I always meet people at school.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		I met people at school two weeks ago.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		I have met people at school since September.
Pay	paid	paid	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		The company pays me every Friday.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		The company paid me last Friday.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		The company has paid me since I was hired.
Put	put	put	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		Asha puts milk in the refrigerator.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		Asha put milk in the refrigerator last night.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		Asha has just put milk in the refrigerator.
Read	read	read	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		I read a book every month.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		I read a really good book last year.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		I have read a book every month for many years.

Base	Past	Past participle	Sentences
Ride	rode	ridden	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		Luis always rides the bus to work.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		Luis rode the bus to work last week.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		Luis has ridden the bus since he sold his car.
Ring	rang	rung	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		The telephone rings very loudly.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		The telephone rang a few hours ago.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		The telephone has rung all morning.
Run	ran	run	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		Athletes run in the Olympics every four years.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		Athletes ran in the Olympics last year.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		Athletes have run in the Olympics since they began.
Say	said	said	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		The children say good morning to the teacher.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		The children said good morning to the teacher.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		The children have said good morning to the teacher.
See	saw	seen	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		I see you walking to school every morning.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		I saw you walking to school yesterday.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		I have seen you walking to school for two months.
Sell	sold	sold	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		That store always sells a lot of phone cards.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		That store sold a lot of phone cards last month.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		That store has sold a lot of phone cards since it opened.
Send	sent	sent	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		You send money to your family every 2 weeks.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		You sent money to your family 2 weeks ago.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		You have sent money to your family since you began working at that company.

Base	Past	Past participle	Sentences
Shake	shook	shaken	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		We always shake hands when we meet.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		We shook hands 2 hours ago.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		We have already shaken hands with them.
Shut	shut	shut	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		Lee shuts the door every morning.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		Lee shut the door this morning.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		Lee has just shut the door.
Sing	sang	sung	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		Karen sings beautiful songs.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		Karen sang a beautiful song a while ago.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		Karen has sung beautiful songs for many years.
Sit	sat	sat	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		The students usually sit in the same chairs.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		The students sat in the same chairs yesterday.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		The students have sat in the same chairs for two hours.
Sleep	slept	slept	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		I sleep a lot every weekend.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		I slept a lot last weekend.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		I have slept a lot every weekend for a few months.
Speak	spoke	spoken	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		You speak English very well.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		You spoke English very well last week.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		You have spoken English very well for a long time.
Spend	spent	spent	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		You spend all of your money every week.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		You spent all of your money last week.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		You have just spent all of your money.

Base	Past	Past participle	Sentences
Stand	stood	stood	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		I <i>stand</i> in line at the bank every Friday.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		I <i>stood</i> in line at the bank last Friday.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		I <i>have stood</i> in line at the bank for a while now.
Steal	stole	stolen	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		The thief <i>steals</i> a wallet every day.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		The thief <i>stole</i> my wallet last night.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		The thief <i>has stolen</i> three wallets so far this week!
Sweep	swept	swept	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		I <i>sweep</i> my kitchen floor every other day.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		I <i>swept</i> my kitchen floor yesterday.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		I <i>have</i> already <i>swept</i> my kitchen floor.
Swim	swam	swum	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		We <i>swim</i> in the lake every summer.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		We <i>swam</i> in the lake last summer.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		We <i>have swum</i> in the lake every summer for many years.
Take	took	taken	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		I <i>take</i> a shower after work every day.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		I <i>took</i> a shower after work yesterday.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		I <i>have</i> just <i>taken</i> a shower.
Teach	taught	taught	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		The teacher <i>teaches</i> a good lesson every day.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		The teacher <i>taught</i> a good lesson yesterday.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		The teacher <i>has</i> just <i>taught</i> a good lesson.
Tell	told	told	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		Juan always <i>tells</i> the teacher the answer.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		Juan <i>told</i> the teacher the answer yesterday.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		Juan <i>has</i> already <i>told</i> the teacher the answer.

Base	Past	Past participle	Sentences
Think	thought	thought	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		I think about English grammar every day.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		I thought about English grammar yesterday.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		I have thought about English grammar since I started studying at this school.
Throw	threw	thrown	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		He always throws the paper in the garbage.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		He threw the paper in the garbage a few hours ago.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		He has just thrown the paper in the garbage.
Understand	understood	understood	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		I understand the English lesson every day.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		I understood the English lesson yesterday.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		I have understood the lesson since class began.
Wake up	woke up	woken up	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		I wake up early every day.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		I woke up early yesterday.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		I have woken up early every day this entire week.
Wear	wore	worn	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		I wear glasses every day.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		I wore glasses yesterday.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		I have worn glasses since I was 10 years old.
Win	won	won	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		The best team always wins the soccer game.
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		The best team won the soccer game last week.
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		The best team has just won the soccer game.
Write	wrote	written	
	<i>Simple present tense</i>		I write a check for rent every month
	<i>Simple past tense</i>		I wrote a check for rent last month
	<i>Present perfect tense</i>		I have written a check for rent every month since I moved there.