

a-z list of irregular verbs

NOTES: ¹²³ and ⁴ are explained at the end of the list. The most common verbs are written in **bold**. The less common verbs are printed in ordinary letters (not bold). On the phonetic symbols, see CONSONANTS AND VOWELS.

Basic Form	Past Tense Form	Past Participle Form
arise	arose	arisen [see <i>rise</i>]
awake	awoke ¹	awoke ¹ [see <i>wake</i>]
be ⁴ /bi:/	was, were /wɒz/, /wɜːr/	been /bi:n/
bear /beə ^r /	bore /bɔːr/	borne /bɔːn/
beat /bi:t/	beat	beaten /'bi:tŋ/
become ⁴ -/'kʌm/	became -/'keɪm/	become
begin -/'gɪn/	began -/'gæn/	begun -/'gʌn/
bend /bend/	bent /bent/	bent
bet /bet/	bet ¹	bet
bid /bɪd/	bade, bid /beɪd/, /bæd/, /bɪd/	bid(den) /'bɪd(ŋ)/
bind /baɪnd/	bound /baʊnd/	bound
bite /baɪt/	bit /bɪt/	bitten /'bɪtŋ/
bleed /bli:d/	bled /bled/	bled
blow /bləʊ/	blew /blu:/	blown /bləʊn/
break /breɪk/	broke /brəʊk/	broken /'brəʊkən/
breed /bri:d/	bred /bred/	bred
bring ⁴ /brɪŋ/	brought /brɔ:t/	brought
broadcast	broadcast	broadcast [see <i>cast</i>]
build /bɪld/	built /bɪlt/	built
burn /bɜː'n/	burnt ² /bɜː'nt/	burnt ²
burst /bɜː'st/	burst	burst
buy /baɪ/	bought /bɔ:t/	bought
cast /kɑːst kæːst/	cast	cast
catch /kætʃ/	caught /kɔ:t/	caught
choose /tʃuːz/	chose /tʃəʊz/	chosen /'tʃəʊzən/
cling /klɪŋ/	clung /klɪŋ/	clung
come ⁴ /kʌm/	came /keɪm/	come
cost /kɒst/	cost	cost
creep /kri:p/	crept /krept/	crept
cut /kʌt/	cut	cut

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deal /di:l/	dealt /delt/	dealt
dig /dɪg/	dug /dʌg/	dug
do ⁴ /du:/	did /dɪd/	done /dʌn/
draw /drɔ:/	drew /dru:/	drawn /drɔ:n/
dream /dri:m/	dreamed, dreamt /dremt/ ²	dreamed, dreamt ²
drink /drɪŋk/	drank /dræŋk/	drunk /drʌŋk/
drive /draɪv/	drove /drəʊv/	driven /'drɪvən/
dwell /dwel/	dwelt ² /dwelt/	dwelt ²
eat /i:t/	ate /et et/	eaten /i:tŋ/
fall /fɔ:l/	fell /fel/	fallen /'fɔ:lən/
feed /fi:d/	fed /fed/	fed
feel ⁴ /fi:l/	felt /felt/	felt
fight /faɪt/	fought /fɔ:t/	fought
find /faɪnd/	found /faʊnd/	found
flee /fli:/	fled /fled/	fled
fling /flɪŋ/	flung /flʌŋ/	flung
fly /flaɪ/	flew /flu:/	flown /fləʊn/
forbid	forbad(e)	forbidden [see <i>bid</i>]
forecast	forecast	forecast [see <i>cast</i>]
	/'fɔ:kɑːst -kæst/	
foresee	foresaw	foreseen [see <i>see</i>]
foretell	foretold	foretold [see <i>tell</i>]
forget -/get/	forgot -/gɒt/	forgotten -/'gɒtŋ/
forgive	forgave	forgiven [see <i>give</i>]
freeze /friːz/	froze /frəʊz/	frozen /'frəʊzən/
get ⁴ /get/	got /gɒt/	got < G.B. >, gotten < U.S. >
give /gɪv/	gave /geɪv/	given /'gɪvən/
go ⁴ /gəʊ/	went /went/	gone, been /gɒn/, /bi:n/
grind /graɪnd/	ground /graʊnd/	ground
grow /grəʊ/	grew /gru:/	grown /grəʊn/
hang /hæŋ/	hung ¹ /hʌŋ/	hung ¹
have /hæv/	had /hæd/	had
hear ⁴ /hɪə/	heard /hɜːd/	heard
hide /haɪd/	hid /hɪd/	hidden /'hɪdŋ/
hit /hɪt/	hit	hit
hold /həʊld/	held /held/	held
hurt /hɜːt/	hurt	hurt

Basic Form	Past Tense Form	Past Participle Form
keep /ki:p/	kept /kept/	kept
kneel /ni:l/	knelt ² /nelt/	knelt ²
knit /nit/	knit ¹	knit ¹
know /nəʊ/	knew /nju:/	known /nəʊn/
lay /leɪ/	laid ³ /led/	laid ³
lead /li:d/	led /led/	led
lean /li:n/	leant ² /lent/	leant ²
leap /li:p/	leapt ² /lept/	leapt ²
learn /lɜ:'n/	learnt ² /lɜ:'nt/	learnt ²
leave /li:v/	left /left/	left
lend /lend/	lent /lent/	lent
let ⁴ /let/	let	let
lie /laɪ/	lay /leɪ/	lain /leɪn/*
light /laɪt/	lit ¹ /lit/	lit ¹
lose /lu:z/	lost /lɒst/	lost
make ⁴ /mek/	made /meɪd/	made
mean /mi:n/	meant /ment/	meant
meet /mi:t/	met /met/	met
mislead /mɪs'li:d/	misled /mɪs'led/	misled [see <i>lead</i>]
mistake	mistook	mistaken [see <i>take</i>]
misunderstand	misunderstood	misunderstood [see <i>understand, stand</i>]
mow /məʊ/	mowed /məʊd/	mown ¹ /məʊn/
overcome	overcame	overcome [see <i>came</i>]
overdo	overdid	overdone [see <i>do</i>]
override	overrode	overridden [see <i>ride</i>]
overrun	overran	overrun [see <i>run</i>]
oversee	oversaw	overseen [see <i>see</i>]
overtake	overtook	overtaken [see <i>take</i>]
overthrow	overthrew	overthrown [see <i>throw</i>]
partake	partook	partaken [see <i>take</i>]
pay /peɪ/	paid ³ /peɪd/	paid ³
prove /pru:v/	proved /pru:vd/	proven ¹ /'pru:vən/
put /pʊt/	put	put
quit /kwɪt/	quit ¹	quit ¹
read /ri:d/	read /red/	read /red/
rid /rɪd/	rid ¹	rid ¹

**lie* meaning *not telling the truth* is regular

Basic Form	Past Tense Form	Past Participle Form
ride /raɪd/	rode /rəʊd/	ridden /'rɪdɪn/
ring /rɪŋ/	rang /ræŋ/	rung /rʌŋ/
rise /raɪz/	rose /rəʊz/	risen /'rɪzən/
run /rʌn/	ran /ræn/	run
saw /sɔ:/	sawed /sɔ:d/	sawn ¹ /sɔ:n/
say /seɪ/	said /sed/	said
see /si:/	saw /sɔ:/	seen /si:n/
seek /si:k/	sought /sɔ:t/	sought
sell /sel/	sold /səʊld/	sold
send /send/	sent /sent/	sent
set /set/	set	set
sew /səʊ/	sewed /səʊd/	sewn ¹ /səʊn/
shake /ʃeɪk/	shook /ʃʊk/	shaken /'ʃeɪkən/
shed /ʃed/	shed	shed
shine /ʃaɪn/	shone ¹ /ʃɒn ʃəʊn/	shone ¹
shoe /ʃu:/	shod ¹ /ʃɒd/	shod ¹
shoot /ʃu:t/	shot /ʃɒt/	shot
show /ʃəʊ/	showed /ʃəʊd/	shown ¹ /ʃəʊn/
shrink /frɪŋk/	shrank /fræŋk/	shrunk /frʌŋk/
shut /ʃʌt/	shut	shut
sing /sɪŋ/	sang /sæŋ/	sung /sʌŋ/
sink /sɪŋk/	sank /sæŋk/	sunk /sʌŋk/
sit /sɪt/	sat	sat
sleep /sli:p/	slept /slept/	slept
slide /slaɪd/	slid /slɪd/	slid
sling /slɪŋ/	slung /slʌŋ/	slung
slink /slɪŋk/	slunk /slʌŋk/	slunk
slit /slɪt/	slit	slit
smell /smel/	smelt ² /smelt/	smelt ²
sow /səʊ/	sowed /səʊd/	sown ¹ /səʊn/
speak /spi:k/	spoke /spəʊk/	spoken /'spəʊkən/
speed /spi:d/	ped ¹ /sped/	ped ¹
spell /spel/	spelt ² /spelt/	spelt ²
spend /spend/	spent /spent/	spent
spill /spɪl/	spilt ² /spɪlt/	spilt ²
spin /spɪn/	span, spun /spæn/, /spʌn/	spun
spit /spɪt/	spat, spit /spæt/, /spɪt/	spat, spit
split /splɪt/	split	split

Basic Form	Past Tense Form	Past Participle Form
spoil /spɔɪl/	spoilt ² /spɔɪlt/	spoilt ²
spread /sprɛd/	spread	spread
spring /sprɪŋ/	sprang /spræŋ/	sprung /sprʌŋ/
stand /stænd/	stood	stood
steal /sti:l/	stole /stəʊl/	stolen /'stəʊlən/
stick /stɪk/	stuck /stʌk/	stuck
sting /stɪŋ/	stung /stʌŋ/	stung
stink /strɪŋk/	stank /stæŋk/	stunk /stʌŋk/
stride /straɪd/	strode /strəʊd/	stridden /'strɪdɪn/, strode
strike /straɪk/	struck /strʌk/	struck
string /strɪŋ/	strung /strʌŋ/	strung
strive /straɪv/	strove ¹ /strəʊv/	striven ¹ /'strɪvən/
swear /swɛə/	swore /swɔ:ɹ/	sworn /swɔ:ɹn/
sweep /swi:p/	swept /swɛpt/	swept
swell /swel/	swelled /sweld/	swollen ¹ /'swɒlən/
swim /swɪm/	swam /swæm/	swum /swʌm/
swing /swɪŋ/	swung /swʌŋ/	swung
take ⁴ /teɪk/	took /tu:k/	taken /'teɪkən/
teach /ti:tʃ/	taught /tɔ:t/	taught
tear /teə/	tear /tɔ:ɹ/	torn /tɔ:ɹn/
tell /tel/	told /təʊld/	told
think /θɪŋk/	thought /θɔ:t/	thought
throw /θrəʊ/	threw /θru:/	thrown /θrəʊn/
thrust /θrʌst/	thrust	thrust
tread /tred/	trod /trɒd/	trod
undergo	underwent	undergone [see <i>go</i>]
understand	understood	understood [see <i>stand</i>]
undertake	undertook	undertaken [see <i>take</i>]
undo	undid	undone [see <i>do</i>]
uphold	upheld	upheld [see <i>hold</i>]
upset	upset	upset [see <i>set</i>]
wake /weɪk/	woke ¹ /wəʊk/	woken ¹ /'wəʊkən/
wear /weə/	wore /wɔ:ɹ/	worn /wɔ:ɹn/
weave /wi:v/	wove /wəʊv/	woven /'wəʊvən/
wed /wed/	wed ¹	wed ¹
weep /wi:p/	wept /wept/	wept
win /wɪn/	won /wʌn/	won
wind /waɪnd/	wound /waʊnd/	wound

Basic Form	Past Tense Form	Past Participle Form
withdraw	withdrew	withdrawn [see <i>draw</i>]
withhold	withheld	withheld [see <i>hold</i>]
withstand	withstood	withstood [see <i>stand</i>]
wring /rɪŋ/	wrung /rʌŋ/	wrung
write /raɪt/	wrote /rəʊt/	written /'rɪtɪn/

Key:

- ¹ means that regular forms are also used.
- ² means that both regular forms and irregular forms exist. The regular spellings are particularly common in U.S., e.g. *leaped*.
- ³ *lay* and *pay* are regular verbs in pronunciation, but the spellings *laid* and *paid* are irregular. (Compare *stayed*.)
- ⁴ these verbs have special entries in the book. Look them up for further information.