Irregular Verbs List

196 English irregular verbs: base form, past simple, past participle. The most common ones are in bold; numbers point to the notes at the end (British and American forms).

BASE FORM	PAST SIMPLE	PAST PARTICIPLE
arise	arose	arisen
awake	awoke	awoken
babysit	babysat	babysat
be 1	was / were	been
bear 2	bore	borne
beat	beat	beaten
become	became	become
begin	began	begun
bend	bent	bent
bet	bet	bet
bid	bid	bid
bind	bound	bound
bite	bit	bitten
bleed	bled	bled
blow	blew	blown
break	broke	broken
breed	bred	bred
bring	brought	brought
broadcast	broadcast	broadcast
build	built	built
burn 3	burnt / burned	burnt / burned
burst	burst	burst
buy	bought	bought
cast	cast	cast
catch	caught	caught
choose	chose	chosen
cling	clung	clung
come	came	come
cost 4	cost	cost
creep	crept	crept
cut	cut	cut
deal	dealt	dealt
dig	dug	dug
dive 5	dived / dove	dived
do	did	done
draw	drew	drawn
dream 6	dreamt / dreamed	dreamt / dreamed
drink	drank	drunk
drive	drove	driven

BASE FORM	PAST SIMPLE	PAST PARTICIPLE
dwell 7	dwelt / dwelled	dwelt / dwelled
eat	ate	eaten
fall	fell	fallen
feed	fed	fed
feel	felt	felt
fight	fought	fought
find	found	found
fit 8	fitted / fit	fitted / fit
flee	fled	fled
fling	flung	flung
fly	flew	flown
forbid	forbade	forbidden
forecast 9	forecast / forecasted	forecast / forecasted
foresee	foresaw	foreseen
forget	forgot	forgotten
forgive	forgave	forgiven
freeze	froze	frozen
get 10	got	got / gotten
give	gave	given
go 11	went	gone
grind	ground	ground
grow	grew	grown
hang 12	hung	hung
have	had	had
hear	heard	heard
hide	hid	hidden
hit	hit	hit
hold	held	held
hurt	hurt	hurt
keep	kept	kept
kneel 13	knelt / kneeled	knelt / kneeled
know	knew	known
lay 14	laid	laid
lead	led	led
lean 15	leant / leaned	leant / leaned
leap 16	leapt / leaped	leapt / leaped
learn 17	learnt / learned	learnt / learned
leave	left	left
lend	lent	lent

BASE FORM	PAST SIMPLE	PAST PARTICIPLE
let	let	let
lie 18	lay	lain
light 19	lit / lighted	lit / lighted
lose	lost	lost
make	made	made
mean	meant	meant
meet	met	met
mishear	misheard	misheard
mislay	mislaid	mislaid
mislead	misled	misled
misread 20	misread	misread
misspell 21	misspelt / misspelled	misspelt / misspelled
mistake	mistook	mistaken
misunderstand	misunderstood	misunderstood
mow 22	mowed	mown / mowed
outdo	outdid	outdone
outgrow	outgrew	outgrown
overcome	overcame	overcome
overhear	overheard	overheard
override	overrode	overridden
oversee	oversaw	overseen
oversleep	overslept	overslept
overspend	overspent	overspent
overtake	overtook	overtaken
overthrow	overthrew	overthrown
pay	paid	paid
proofread 23	proofread	proofread
prove 24	proved	proved / proven
put	put	put
quit 25	quit	quit
read 26	read	read
rebuild	rebuilt	rebuilt
redo	redid	redone
repay	repaid	repaid
reset	reset	reset
retell	retold	retold
rethink	rethought	rethought
rewind	rewound	rewound
rewrite	rewrote	rewritten
rid	rid	rid
ride	rode	ridden
ring	rang	rung
rise	rose	risen
run	ran	run
saw 27	sawed	sawn / sawed
say	said	said

BASE FORM	PAST SIMPLE	PAST PARTICIPLE
see	saw	seen
seek	sought	sought
sell	sold	sold
send	sent	sent
set	set	set
sew 28	sewed	sewn / sewed
shake	shook	shaken
shed	shed	shed
shine 29	shone	shone
shoot	shot	shot
show	showed	shown
shrink 30	shrank	shrunk
shut	shut	shut
sing	sang	sung
sink 31	sank	sunk
sit	sat	sat
sleep	slept	slept
slide	slid	slid
slit	slit	slit
smell 32	smelt / smelled	smelt / smelled
sow 33	sowed	sown / sowed
speak	spoke	spoken
speed 34	sped / speeded	sped / speeded
spell 35	spelt / spelled	spelt / spelled
spend	spent	spent
spill 36	spilt / spilled	spilt / spilled
spin	spun	spun
spit 37	spat / spit	spat / spit
split	split	split
spoil 38	spoilt / spoiled	spoilt / spoiled
spread	spread	spread
spring 39	sprang	sprung
stand	stood	stood
steal	stole	stolen
stick	stuck	stuck
sting	stung	stung
stink 40	stank	stunk
strike	struck	struck
string	strung	strung
strive 41	strove / strived	striven / strived
swear	swore	sworn
sweep	swept	swept
swell 42	swelled	swollen / swelled
swim	swam	swum
swing	swung	swung
take	took	taken

BASE FORM	PAST SIMPLE	PAST PARTICIPLE
teach	taught	taught
tear	tore	torn
tell	told	told
think	thought	thought
throw	threw	thrown
thrust	thrust	thrust
tread 43	trod	trodden
undergo	underwent	undergone
understand	understood	understood
undertake	undertook	undertaken
undo	undid	undone
unwind	unwound	unwound
uphold	upheld	upheld

BASE FORM	PAST SIMPLE	PAST PARTICIPLE
upset	upset	upset
wake	woke	woken
wear	wore	worn
weave 44	wove	woven
weep	wept	wept
wet 45	wet / wetted	wet / wetted
win	won	won
wind 46	wound	wound
withdraw	withdrew	withdrawn
withhold	withheld	withheld
withstand	withstood	withstood
wring	wrung	wrung
write	wrote	written

1 be: Was with I, he, she and it; were with you, we and they.
2 bear: Borne is the usual participle (She has borne three children); for birth in the passive, use born: She was born in May.
3 burn: Both forms are British; American English mainly uses burned.
4 cost: When it means “estimate the price of”, the regular costed is used: The plan was costed carefully.
5 dive: Dived is standard everywhere; dove is also common as the past in American English.
6 dream: Both forms are British; American English mainly uses dreamed.
7 dwell: Dwelt is usual in British English; dwelled is also used, mainly in American English.
8 fit: British English uses fitted; American English often uses fit, especially about size.
9 forecast: Forecast is the usual form in both varieties; forecasted is also correct.
10 get: British English uses got; American English usually uses gotten, but have got for possession.
11 go: Been is used when someone went and came back: She has been to Rome.
12 hang: For killing a person by hanging, the regular form hanged is used.
13 kneel: Knelt is usual in both varieties; kneeled is also used, especially in American English.
14 lay: Means “put something down”. Don’t confuse it with lie (lay, lain).
15 lean: Leant is British only; leaned is used in both British and American English.
16 leap: Leapt is more usual in British English; leaped is more usual in American English.
17 learn: Both forms are British; American English uses learned.
18 lie: Means “be flat” or “be in a place”. Lie meaning “say something untrue” is regular: lied, lied.
19 light: Lit is more common in both varieties; lighted is also correct, especially before a noun: a lighted candle.
20 misread: Past and participle are spelt misread, but read is pronounced like “red”.
21 misspell: Both forms are British; American English uses misspelled.
22 mow: Mown is more usual in British English; mowed is more usual in American English.
23 proofread: Past and participle are spelt proofread, but read is pronounced like “red”.
24 prove: Proved is the usual participle in British English; proven is common in American English and as an adjective.
25 quit: Quit is the usual form in both varieties; quitted is an old-fashioned British form.
26 read: Past and participle are spelt read but pronounced like “red”.
27 saw: Sawn is usual in British English; sawed is more common in American English.
28 sew: Sewn is more usual; sewed is also correct as the participle.
29 shine: When it means “polish”, the regular shined is used: He shined his shoes.
30 shrink: American English also uses shrunk as the past.
31 sink: American English also uses sunk as the past.
32 smell: Both forms are British; American English uses smelled.
33 sow: Sown is more usual; sowed is also used as the participle.
34 speed: Sped is usual; speeded is common in speed up, especially in British English.
35 spell: Both forms are British; American English uses spelled.
36 spill: Both forms are British; American English uses spilled.
37 spit: Spat is usual; American English also uses spit as the past and participle.
38 spoil: Both forms are British; American English uses spoiled.
39 spring: American English also uses sprung as the past.
40 stink: American English also uses stunk as the past.
41 strive: Strove and striven are more formal; strived is also common, especially in American English.
42 swell: Swollen is usual, especially for parts of the body; swelled is used for numbers: The crowd has swelled.
43 tread: American English also uses trod as the participle.
44 weave: When it means “move in and out”, weaved is used: She weaved through the crowd.
45 wet: Wet is usual; wetted is also correct, especially in British English.
46 wind: Wind rhymes with find; the past wound rhymes with sound.