

Irregular Verb Forms (in groups)

There are about 185 irregular verbs in English. You will only need these 90. Study them carefully. Start with the red ones, they are the most important verbs that you will need almost every day.

Base form	Past form	Last form	German	Base form	Past form	Last form	German
All forms different				Past form and last form end in [d]			
be (is/was)	was / were	been	sein	find	found	found	finden
become	became	become	werden	have	had	had	haben
come	came	come	kommen	hear	heard	heard	hören
do	did	done	tun	hold	held	held	halten
go	went	gone	gehen	lay	laid	laid	legen
run	ran	run	laufen	make	made	made	machen
see	saw	seen	sehen	pay	paid	paid	zahlen
show	showed	shown	zeigen	read [ri:d]	read [red]	read [red]	lesen
				say	said	said	sagen
All forms the same				sell	sold	sold	verkaufen
cost	cost	cost	kosten (Preis)	stand	stood	stood	stehen
cut	cut	cut	schneiden	understand	understood	understood	verstehen
hit	hit	hit	schlagen	tell	told	told	erzählen
hurt	hurt	hurt	verletzen				
let	let	let	lassen	Same sound patterns			
put	put	put	stellen/legen	bring	brought	brought	bringen
set	set	set		buy	bought	bought	kaufen
shut	shut	shut	schließen	fight	fought	fought	kämpfen
				think	thought	thought	denken
Past form and last form the same				catch	caught	caught	fangen
dig	dug	dug	graben	teach	taught	taught	lehren
win	won	won	gewinnen				
				sing	sang	sung	singen
Past form and last form end in [t]				swim	swam	swum	schwimmen
build	built	built	bauen	begin	began	begun	beginnen
burn	burnt	burnt	(ver)brennen	drink	drank	drunk	trinken
creep	crept	crept	kriechen	ring	rang	rung	läuten
feel	felt	felt	fühlen				
keep	kept	kept	behalten	freeze	froze	frozen	frieren
leave	left	left	verlassen	steal	stole	stolen	stehlen
light	lit	lit	anzünden	break	broke	broken	brechen
lend	lent	lent	borgen	wake	woke	woken	aufwecken
mean	meant	meant	meinen	choose	chose	chosen	auswählen
meet	met	met	treffen	drive	drove	driven	fahren, lenken
send	sent	sent	schicken	write	wrote	written	schreiben
shoot	shot	shot	schießen				
sleep	slept	slept	schlafen	beat	beat	beaten	schlagen
smell	smelt	smelt	riechen	bite	bit	bitten	beißen
spend	spent	spent	ausgeben	eat	ate	eaten	essen
spill	spilt	spilt	ausschütten	fall	fell	fallen	fallen
spoil	spoilt	spoilt	verwöhnen	forget	forgot	forgotten	vergessen
get	got	got	bekommen	forgive	forgave	forgiven	verzeihen
lose	lost	lost	verlieren	give	gave	given	geben
sit	sat	sat	sitzen	hide	hid	hidden	verstecken
sweep	swept	swept	kehren	shake	shook	shaken	schütteln
				take	took	taken	nehmen
Same sound pattern				tear	tore	torn	zerreißen
grow	grew	grown	wachsen	wear	wore	worn	tragen(Kleider)
fly	flew	flown	fliegen				
know	knew	known	wissen				
throw	threw	thrown	werfen				

Irregular Verbs in alphabetical order

be	was/were	been
beat	beat	beaten
become	became	become
begin	began	begun
bend	bent	bent
bet	bet	bet
bind	bound	bound
bite	bit	bitten
blow	blew	blown
break	broke	broken
bring	brought	brought
build	built	built
buy	bought	bought
can	could	... (been able)
catch	caught	caught
choose	chose	chosen
come	came	come
cost	cost	cost
creep	crept	crept
cut	cut	cut
dig	dug	dug
do	did	done
draw	drew	drawn
drink	drank	drunk
drive	drove	driven
eat	ate	eaten
fall	fell	fallen
feed	fed	fed
feel	felt	felt
fight	fought	fought
find	found	found
fly	flew	flown
forbid	forbade	forbidden
forget	forgot	forgotten
forgive	forgave	forgiven
freeze	froze	frozen
get	got	got
give	gave	given
go	went	gone
grow	grew	grown
hang	hung	hung
have	had	had
hear	heard	heard
hide	hid	hidden
hit	hit	hit
hold	held	held
hurt	hurt	hurt
keep	kept	kept
know	knew	known
lay	laid	laid
lead	led	led
leave	left	left
lend	lent	lent
lie (in bed)	lay	lain

lie (lügen)	lied	lied
lose	lost	lost
make	made	made
mean	meant	meant
meet	met	met
must	had to	...
pay	paid	paid
put	put	put
read	read	read
ride	rode	ridden
ring	rang	rung
rise	rose	risen
run	ran	run
say	said	said
see	saw	seen
sell	sold	sold
send	sent	sent
set	set	set
shake	shook	shaken
shine	shone	shone
shoot	shot	shot
show	showed	shown
shrink	shrank	shrunk
shut	shut	shut
sing	sang	sung
sink	sank	sunk
sit	sat	sat
sleep	slept	slept
slide	slid	slid
smell	smelt	smelt
speak	spoke	spoken
spend	spent	spent
spit	spat	spat
spread	spread	spread
stand	stood	stood
steal	stole	stolen
stick	stuck	stuck
sting	stung	stung
stink	stank	stunk
strike	struck	struck
swear	swore	sworn
swim	swam	swum
swing	swung	swung
take	took	taken
teach	taught	taught
tear	tore	torn
tell	told	told
think	thought	thought
throw	threw	thrown
wake	woke	woken
wear	wore	worn
win	won	won
wind	wound	wound
write	wrote	written

