

Irregular Past Simple Verbs

Infinitive	Past Simple	Pattern	Example Sentence
Be	Was/were	Completely irregular verb	<i>I was in France.</i>
Become	Became	Vowel changes from O to A	<i>She became a lovely lady.</i>
Begin	Began	Vowel changes from I to A	<i>The class began at 4pm.</i>
Blow	Blew	Vowel changes from O to E	<i>The wind blew my house down.</i>
Break	Broke	Completely irregular verb	<i>You broke my window!</i>
Bring	Brought	UGHT in past simple	<i>You brought your PS4 control with you.</i>
Build	Built	D changes to T	<i>I built this house myself.</i>
Buy	Bought	UGHT in past simple	<i>I bought a chocolate cake yesterday.</i>
Catch	Caught	AUGHT in past simple	<i>We caught the criminal this morning.</i>
Choose	Chose	Eliminate a vowel	<i>Luckily, I chose the right answer.</i>
Come	Came	Vowel changes from O to A	<i>He came to my house to shout at me.</i>
Cost	Cost	Same infinitive and past simple	<i>This jewellery cost me a lot of money!</i>
Cut	Cut	Same infinitive and past simple	<i>I cut my finger yesterday.</i>
Do	Did	Completely irregular verb	<i>We all did our homework together.</i>
Draw	Drew	Vowel changes from A to E	<i>I drew a picture for my mum.</i>

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Dream	Dreamt	Add T to infinitive	<i>I dreamt about my cats and dogs.</i>
Drink	Drank	Vowel changes from I to A	<i>He drank the entire bottle!</i>
Drive	Drove	Vowel changes from I to O	<i>We drove all the way to Portsmouth.</i>
Eat	Ate	Completely irregular verb	<i>He ate a lot of food this morning.</i>
Fall	Fell	Vowel changes from A to E	<i>Her phone fell down the mountain.</i>
Feed	Fed	Eliminate a vowel	<i>We fed the cat yesterday.</i>
Feel	Felt	Eliminate an E and add T at the end	<i>My jumper felt very soft before I washed it.</i>
Fight	Fought	OUGHT in past simple	<i>He fought very well but unfortunately, he lost.</i>
Find	Found	Completely irregular verb	<i>I found my wallet.</i>
Fly	Flew	Completely irregular verb	<i>We flew to China.</i>
Forget	Forgot	Vowel changes from E to O	<i>I completely forgot his name!</i>
Forgive	Forgave	Vowel changes from I to A	<i>We forgave him in the end.</i>
Get	Got	Vowel changes from E to O	<i>He got a new phone.</i>
Give	Gave	Vowel changes from I to A	<i>I gave him my answer this afternoon.</i>
Go	Went	Completely irregular verb	<i>I think he went to France for the week.</i>
Grow	Grew	Vowel changes from O to E	<i>In the time I was away, he grew about 3 inches.</i>
Hang	Hung	Vowel changes from A to U	<i>I think he hung his coat up.</i>
Have	Had	Completely irregular verb	<i>I had a lot of problems with my maths teacher.</i>
Hear	Heard	Add D to infinitive	<i>I heard about that film.</i>

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Hide	Hid	Eliminate a vowel	<i>We hid the camera, so they didn't know where it was.</i>
Hit	Hit	Same infinitive and past simple	<i>I can't believe it. She hit the target!</i>
Hold	Held	Vowel changes from O to E	<i>I held on to it for you.</i>
Keep	Kept	Eliminate an E and add T at the end	<i>I kept your letter very safe.</i>
Know	Knew	Vowel changes from O to E	<i>I knew about the project before my boss did.</i>
Learn	Learnt	Add T to infinitive	<i>I learnt all the rules and theories.</i>
Leave	Left	Completely irregular verb	<i>Why did you leave the child alone?</i>
Let	Let	Same infinitive and past simple	<i>My dad eventually let me go to the party.</i>
Lose	Lost	Eliminate an E and add T at the end	<i>We lost the match. I was so disappointed.</i>
Make	Made	Completely irregular verb	<i>I made a lovely new dress for my daughter.</i>
Mean	Meant	Add T to infinitive	<i>What did this word mean?</i>
Meet	Met	Eliminate an E	<i>We met at a conference last year.</i>
Pay	Paid	Eliminate Y and add ID	<i>She paid me yesterday.</i>
Put	Put	Same infinitive and past simple	<i>I put your books on the shelf.</i>
Read	Read	Same infinitive and past simple	<i>I read that book last year. It's very good.</i>
Ride	Rode	Vowel changes from I to O	<i>We rode the horses on the beach at the weekend.</i>
Ring	Rang	Vowel changes from I to A	<i>I rang her this morning, but she didn't pick up.</i>
Run	Ran	Vowel changes from U to A	<i>I ran in this park every morning before I was pregnant.</i>

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Say	Said	Eliminate Y and add ID	<i>They said that they were in London for a few weeks.</i>
See	Saw	Completely irregular verb	<i>I saw an amazing film yesterday.</i>
Sell	Sold	Completely irregular verb	<i>I think she sold her house last month.</i>
Send	Sent	D changes to T	<i>I sent you the letter.</i>
Sing	Sang	Vowel changes from I to A	<i>We sang in the cathedral and it was beautiful.</i>
Sit	Sat	Vowel changes from I to A	<i>I sat down and there was a hedgehog next to the chair!</i>
Sleep	Slept	Eliminate an E and add T at the end	<i>He slept very well when he was a baby.</i>
Speak	Spoke	Completely irregular verb	<i>I spoke to his teacher.</i>
Spend	Spent	D changes to T	<i>We spent a lot of time together that summer.</i>
Stand	Stood	Completely irregular verb	<i>I stood in the rain for 4 hours!</i>
Sweep	Swept	Eliminate an E and add T at the end	<i>We swept the floor 4 times before it was clean.</i>
Swim	Swam	Vowel changes from I to A	<i>She swam the English Channel.</i>
Take	Took	Completely irregular verb	<i>She took her books with her.</i>
Teach	Taught	AUGHT in past simple	<i>We taught her well.</i>
Tell	Told	Completely irregular verb	<i>I told you that last month.</i>
Think	Thought	OUGHT in past simple	<i>He thought about his answer before speaking out loud.</i>
Throw	Threw	Vowel changes from O to E	<i>I threw the magazine away this morning.</i>

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Understand	Understood	Completely irregular verb	<i>She understood the terms and conditions.</i>
Wear	Wore	Completely irregular verb	<i>I wore that dress to my prom.</i>
Win	Won	Vowel changes from I to O	<i>He won the competition!</i>
Write	Wrote	Vowel changes from I to O	<i>We wrote a letter for you.</i>