

# Irregular Verbs

Verbs can be regular or irregular.

Regular verbs form their past tense and past participle by adding -ed.

*Walk / walked / walked*

*Laugh / laughed / laughed*

*Paint / painted / painted*

*Wait / waited / waited*

*Insist / insisted / insisted*

Irregular verbs form their past and past participle in other ways.

*Sit / sat / sat*

*Ring / rang / rung*

*Come / came / come*

*Cut / cut / cut*

There are mainly three types of irregular verbs:

Verbs which have all the three forms alike.

*Put / put / put*

*Read / read / read*

*Cut / cut / cut*

*Bet / bet / bet*

*Hit / hit / hit*

*Let / let / let*

*Set / set / set*

*Spread / spread / spread*

*Split / split / split*

*Burst / burst / burst*

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Verbs which have two of the three forms alike.

*Sit / sat / sat*

*Run / ran / run*

*Beat / beaten / beaten*

*Become / became / become*

*Bend / bent / bent*

*Bleed / bled / bled*

*Breed / bred / bred*

*Bring / brought / brought*

*Build / built / built*

*Buy / bought / bought*

*Come / came / come*

*Fight / fought / fought*

*Keep / kept / kept*

*Say / said / said*

*Tell / told / told*

Verbs which have three different forms:

*Break / broke / broken*

*Write / wrote / written*

*Ring / rang / rung*

*Begin / began / begun*

*Fly / flew / flown*

*Do / did / done*

*Forget / forgot / forgotten*

*Rise / rose / risen*

*See / saw / seen*

A few verbs have two past participle forms. One of these forms end in -en and can only be

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used like an adjective.

*Drink / drunk (regular past participle) / drunken (adjectival past participle) Melt / melted / molten*

*Prove / proved / proven*

*Shave / shaved / shaven*

*Sink / sunk / sunken*

Compare:

He has drunk milk.

A drunken driver

He has proved it.

A proven technique

The clock has struck five.

A grief-stricken widow

He has shaved off his beard.

A shaven head

The ship has sunk.

A sunken ship