

Irregular Verbs

There are two types of verbs in English. The verbs that change are called "irregular verbs" and those to which we add "ed" to the simple past and past participle forms are called "regular verbs". For example, the verb "go" is irregular because its simple past and past participle forms are "went" and "gone", successively, whereas "watch" is regular because we just add "ed" to the base form and becomes "watched" in both simple past and past participle.

Simply put, the verbs that we find in the list are called irregular verbs and those we don't find are referred to as "regular verbs".

These are some examples of irregular verbs.

These are some examples of regular verbs:

Infinitive	Simple past	Past participle	Infinitive	Simple past	Past participle
1. see	saw	seen	1. start	start <u>ed</u>	start <u>ed</u>
2. do	did	done	2. collect	collect <u>ed</u>	collect <u>ed</u>
3. break	broke	broken	3. visit	visit <u>ed</u>	visit <u>ed</u>

N.B. We change the "y" into "i" if the verb ends in a consonant + "y", for example, study --> studied and it doesn't change when the verb ends in a vowel + "y", for example play --> played.

EXERCISE 1 Put the following verbs in the right column.

send – move – take – speak – launch – need – revise – feel – buy – imagine

Irregular verbs	Regular verbs
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____
5. _____	5. _____

EXERCISE 2 Complete this chart.

Infinitive	Simple past	Past participle
1. be	_____	_____
2. sell	_____	_____
3. fly	_____	_____
4. give	_____	_____
5. write	_____	_____

EXERCISE 3 Complete this chart with the missing verb forms.

Infinitive	Simple past	Past participle
1. watch	_____	_____
2. _____	drove	_____
3. _____	_____	drunk
4. teach	_____	_____
5. _____	jumped	_____