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Irregular Verbs

The list below covers the irregular verbs an advanced learner needs. Verbs marked [B] have a common regular alternative in British English (*learned/learnt*, *dreamed/dreamt*); [A] marks distinctively American forms (*gotten*, *dove*).

Base	Past	Participle	Base	Past	Participle
arise	arose	arisen	lay	laid	laid
awake	awoke	awoken	lead	led	led
be	was/were	been	lean[B]	leant	leant
bear	bore	borne/born	learn[B]	learnt	learnt
beat	beat	beaten	leave	left	left
become	became	become	lend	lent	lent
begin	began	begun	let	let	let
bend	bent	bent	lie (recline)	lay	lain
bet	bet	bet	light	lit	lit
bind	bound	bound	lose	lost	lost
bite	bit	bitten	make	made	made
bleed	bled	bled	mean	meant	meant
blow	blew	blown	meet	met	met
break	broke	broken	pay	paid	paid
bring	brought	brought	put	put	put
build	built	built	quit	quit	quit
burn[B]	burnt	burnt	read	read	read
burst	burst	burst	ride	rode	ridden
buy	bought	bought	ring	rang	rung
catch	caught	caught	rise	rose	risen
choose	chose	chosen	run	ran	run
cling	clung	clung	say	said	said
come	came	come	see	saw	seen
cost	cost	cost	seek	sought	sought
creep	crept	crept	sell	sold	sold
cut	cut	cut	send	sent	sent
deal	dealt	dealt	set	set	set
dig	dug	dug	shake	shook	shaken
dive[A]	dived/dove	dived	shine	shone	shone
do	did	done	shoot	shot	shot
draw	drew	drawn	show	showed	shown
dream[B]	dreamt	dreamt	shrink	shrank	shrunk
drink	drank	drunk	shut	shut	shut
drive	drove	driven	sing	sang	sung
eat	ate	eaten	sink	sank	sunk
fall	fell	fallen	sit	sat	sat
feed	fed	fed	sleep	slept	slept
feel	felt	felt	slide	slid	slid
fight	fought	fought	speak	spoke	spoken

Base	Past	Participle	Base	Past	Participle
find	found	found	spend	spent	spent
flee	fled	fled	spill[B]	spilt	spilt
fly	flew	flown	spin	spun	spun
forbid	forbade	forbidden	split	split	split
forget	forgot	forgotten	spread	spread	spread
forgive	forgave	forgiven	spring	sprang	sprung
freeze	froze	frozen	stand	stood	stood
get[A]	got	got/gotten	steal	stole	stolen
give	gave	given	stick	stuck	stuck
go	went	gone	sting	stung	stung
grind	ground	ground	strike	struck	struck
grow	grew	grown	swear	swore	sworn
hang	hung	hung	sweep	swept	swept
have	had	had	swim	swam	swum
hear	heard	heard	swing	swung	swung
hide	hid	hidden	take	took	taken
hit	hit	hit	teach	taught	taught
hold	held	held	tear	tore	torn
hurt	hurt	hurt	tell	told	told
keep	kept	kept	think	thought	thought
kneel[B]	knelt	knelt	throw	threw	thrown
know	knew	known	understand	understood	understood
			wake	woke	woken
			wear	wore	worn
			weep	wept	wept
			win	won	won
			wind	wound	wound
			write	wrote	written

Usage Note

Three troublesome pairs: *lie–lay–lain* (recline) vs. *lay–laid–laid* (put down) vs. regular *lie–lied–lied* (tell untruths); *hang–hung–hung* (suspend) vs. regular *hang–hanged–hanged* (execute); *rise–rose–risen* (no object) vs. *raise–raised–raised* (takes an object).