

Irregular Simple Past Tense Verbs

This list includes most of the irregular simple past-tense verbs in English.

| Base Verb | Past Tense |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| arise | arose |
| awake | awakened / awoke |
| be | was, were |
| bear | bore |
| beat | beat |
| become | became |
| begin | began |
| Behold | Beheld |
| bend | bent |
| bet | bet |
| bid (farewell) | bid / bade |
| bid (offer amount) | bid |
| bind | bound |
| bite | bit |
| bleed | bled |
| blow | blew |
| break | broke |
| breed | bred |
| bring | brought |
| broadcast | broadcast/broadcasted |
| build | built |
| burn | burned or burnt |
| burst | burst |
| bust | busted / bust |
| buy | bought |
| cast | cast |
| catch | caught |
| choose | chose |
| cling | clung |
| clothe | clad/clothed |
| come | came |
| cost | cost |
| creep | crept |
| cut | cut |
| deal | dealt |

| Base Verb | Past Tense |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| dig | dug |
| dive (jump head-first) | dove / dived |
| dive (scuba diving) | dived / dove |
| do | did |
| draw | drew |
| dream | dreamed or dreamt |
| drink | drank |
| drive | drove |
| dwell | dwelt |
| eat | ate |
| fall | fell |
| feed | fed |
| feel | felt |
| fight | fought |
| find | found |
| fit | fit, fitted |
| flee | fled |
| fling | flung |
| fly | flew |
| forbid | forbade or forbad |
| forecast | forecast/forecasted |
| forego (also forgo) | forewent |
| foresee | foresaw |
| forget | forgot |
| forgive | forgave |
| forsake | forsook |
| freeze | froze |
| frostbite | frostbit |
| get | got |
| give | gave |
| go | went |
| grind | ground |
| grow | grew |
| hand-feed | hand-fed |
| handwrite | handwrote |

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|----------------------|----------------------------|
| hang | hung or hanged |
| have | had |
| hear | heard |
| hew | hewed |
| hide | hid |
| hit | hit |
| hold | held |
| hurt | hurt |
| inbreed | inbred |
| inlay | inlaid |
| input | input / inputted |
| interbreed | interbred |
| Interlay | Interlaid |
| interweave | interwove / interweaved |
| keep | kept |
| kneel | knelt or kneeled |
| knit | knitted or knit |
| know | knew |
| lay | laid |
| lead | led |
| lean | leant /leaned |
| leap | leapt /leaped |
| learn | learnt /learned |
| leave | left |
| lend | lent |
| let | let |
| lie (down) | lay |
| lie (not tell truth) | lied |
| light | lit /lighted |
| lose | lost |
| make | made |
| mean | meant |
| meet | met |
| mistake | mistook |
| misunderstand | misunderstood |
| mow | mowed |
| offset | offset |
| overcome | overcame |

| Base Verb | Past Tense |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| overhear | overheard |
| overtake | overtook |
| pay | paid |
| plead | pleaded/plead |
| prove | proved |
| put | put |
| quit | quit |
| read | read |
| relay (for example tiles) | relaid |
| relay (pass along) | relayed |
| relight | relit / relighted |
| rewind | rewound |
| rid | rid |
| ride | rode |
| ring | rang |
| rise | rose |
| run | ran |
| saw | sawed |
| say | said |
| see | saw |
| seek | sought |
| sell | sold |
| send | sent |
| set | set |
| sew | sewed |
| shake | shook |
| shave | shaved |
| shear | sheared |
| shed | shed |
| shine | shone |
| Shoe | Shod |
| shoot | shot |
| show | showed |
| shrink | shrank or shrunk |
| shut | shut |
| sight-read | sight-read |
| sing | sang |
| sink | sank / sunk |
| sit | sat |

| Base Verb | Past Tense |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| slay (amuse) REGULAR | slayed |
| slay (kill) | slew / slayed |
| sleep | slept |
| slide | slid |
| sling | slung |
| slink | slinked / slunk |
| slit | slit |
| smell | smelt /smelled |
| smite | smote |
| sneak | sneaked or snuck |
| sow | sowed |
| speak | spoke |
| speed | sped / speeded |
| spell | spelt /spelled |
| spend | spent |
| spill | spilt /spilled |
| Spin | Span/Spun |
| spit | spit / spat |
| split | split |
| spoil | spoilt /spoiled |
| spread | spread |
| spring | sprang |
| stand | stood |
| steal | stole |
| stick | stuck |
| sting | stung |
| stink | stunk / stank |
| strew | strewed |
| stride | strode |
| strike (delete) | struck |
| strike (hit) | struck |
| string | strung |
| strive | strove or strived |
| sublet | sublet |
| swear | swore |
| sweat | sweat / sweated |
| sweep | swept |
| swell | swelled |
| swim | swam |

| Base Verb | Past Tense |
|------------|---------------|
| swing | swung |
| take | took |
| teach | taught |
| tear | tore |
| telecast | telecast |
| tell | told |
| think | thought |
| throw | threw |
| thrust | thrust |
| tread | trod |
| understand | understood |
| undo | undid |
| wake | woke /waked |
| waylay | waylaid |
| wear | wore |
| weave | wove / weaved |
| wed | wed / wedded |
| weep | wept |
| wend | wended/went |
| wet | wet / wetted |
| win | won |
| wind | wound |
| withdraw | withdrew |
| withhold | withheld |
| withstand | withstood |
| wring | wrung |
| write | wrote |