

Irregular Verbs

The past tense and past participle of regular verbs are formed by adding "ed," "t," or "d" to the present tense. The past tense and past participle of irregular verbs are just that - irregular. Non-Standard use of these forms carries a definite stigma for the speaker or writer.

PRESENT TENSE	PAST TENSE	PAST PARTICIPLE
am/be	was, were	been
arise	arose	arisen
awake	awoke	awakened, awoken
bear (to carry)	bore	borne
bear (to give birth to)	bore	born
beat	beat	beat, beaten
become	became	become
begin	began	begun
bend	bent	bent
bet	bet	bet
bid (to offer)	bid	bid
bind	bound	bound
bite	bit	bitten
bleed	bled	bled
blow	blew	blown
break	broke	broken
breed	bred	bred
bring	brought	brought
build	built	built
burst	burst	burst
buy	bought	bought
catch	caught	caught
choose	chose	chosen
cling	clung	clung
come	came	come
cost	cost	cost
creep	crept	crept
cut	cut	cut
deal	dealt	dealt
do	did	done
dig	dug	dug
dive	dived, dove	dived (less common, dove)
drag	dragged	dragged
draw	drew	drawn

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