

Past Participles

A. Past participles come in two forms: regular and irregular. The regular forms end in *-ed* just like the past tense of verbs. The irregular forms can take on various forms.

Examples:	Base	Past	Past Participle
Regular	Want	Wanted	Wanted
Irregular	Take	Took	Taken

B. Past participles are used as adjective, in the passive voice, and with the perfect tenses.

Examples:

Adjective	The broken toy is on the floor.
Passive	The toy was broken by the child.
Perfect tense	The toy has been broken .

C. To learn these, write the base form on one side of an index card and the past participial form on the other side of the card. You can flip the cards yourself or have another student work with you.

D. Here are some irregular participles grouped by their sound:

Beat	beaten
Bite	bitten
Drive	driven
Eat	eaten
Get	gotten
Shake	shaken
Speak	spoken
Take (mistake)	Taken (mistaken)
Write	written
Blow	blown
Draw	drawn
Fly	flown
Know	known
Sew	sewn