

## Past Tense, Irregular Verbs

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**Rules:** The past tense is used to tell about something that already happened.

The regular past tense is formed by adding *ed* to the end of the verb.

Example: walk      walked

Irregular verbs are verbs that do not add *ed* to the end of the verb to make the past tense.

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Here are some ways that irregular verbs form the irregular past tense.

Sometimes the vowel and some consonants are changed.

Example: buy      bought

Sometimes the word stays the same.

Example: cut      cut

Sometimes the entire word changes.

Example: go      went

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**Rule:** Some irregular verbs form the past tense by changing the vowel to o.

Here are some examples.

wake	<b>woke</b>	wear	<b>wore</b>
ride	<b>rode</b>	break	<b>broke</b>
write	<b>wrote</b>	speak	<b>spoke</b>
drive	<b>drove</b>		

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Here is how the past tense forms of these irregular verbs are used in sentences.

1. I **woke** up early this morning.
2. She **rode** her bike home yesterday.
3. Jill **wrote** them a letter.
4. Dad **drove** to work.
5. We **wore** the same shirt again.
6. The vase **broke**.
7. The teacher **spoke** to us.

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Write the past tense for these irregular verbs.

Example: break    broke

1. ride    \_\_\_\_\_

4. drive    \_\_\_\_\_

2. wake    \_\_\_\_\_

5. wear    \_\_\_\_\_

3. speak    \_\_\_\_\_

6. write    \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the irregular verb in each sentence.

Example: We rode together.

1. She wrote a list.

2. The toy broke.

3. I rode a horse for the first time.

4. We drove a camper to Nevada.

5. The nurse spoke softly.

6. Dad woke up from his nap.

7. Pam wore her new shoes.

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Rewrite each sentence. Change the underlined verb to the past tense.

Example: The dogs wake the baby.

The dogs woke the baby.

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1. Carol and John ride the bus each day.

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2. My friends drive to work.

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3. They wear glasses to see better.

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4. Those boys speak clearly.

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5. The children write home from camp.

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6. We wake up before dawn.

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7. The shoelaces break easily.

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**Rule:** Some irregular verbs form the past tense by changing everything but the beginning of the word.

Here are some examples.

fly	<b>flew</b>	take	<b>took</b>
blow	<b>blew</b>	shake	<b>shook</b>
throw	<b>threw</b>	stand	<b>stood</b>
grow	<b>grew</b>		

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Here is how the past tense form of these irregular verbs are used in sentences.

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| 1. We <b>flew</b> in a small plane.       | 5. Pat and I <b>took</b> the class together. |
| 2. The candle <b>blew</b> out.            | 6. The leaves <b>shook</b> in the wind.      |
| 3. We <b>threw</b> pillows at each other. | 7. She <b>stood</b> very still.              |
| 4. The weeds <b>grew</b> high.            |  |
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Write the past tense for these irregular verbs.

Example: blow      blew

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| 1. throw      _____ | 4. grow      _____ |
| 2. shake      _____ | 5. take      _____ |
| 3. stand      _____ | 6. fly      _____  |

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Circle the irregular verb in each sentence.

Example: The bats flew into the cave.

1. The fans blew the air around.
2. He took his shoes off.
3. The boy threw a stone.
4. The kite flew up in the air.
5. You grew three inches.
6. We shook from the cold.
7. I stood in line a long time.

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Rewrite each sentence. Change the underlined verb to the past tense.

Example: We take a long time.

We took a long time.

1. I stand all day at work.

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2. Grandpa's hands shake a lot.

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3. Our hats blow off in the wind.

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4. We always take your advice.

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5. The trees grow in a row.

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6. All the birds fly out the window.

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7. The bears throw food at the people.

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8. We take some cookies.

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