

Learn and use the top thirty irregular verbs.

Infinitive	Past simple	Example
be (am / is / are)	was / were	Where were you at 6.00? I was in the garden.
break	broke	He broke his leg last year.
buy	bought /bɔ:t/	We bought them some flowers.
can	could /kʊd/	Sorry I couldn't come to your party.
come	came	You came home very late last night!
do	did	We did our homework after class.
drive	drove	He drove to Russia in an old BMW.
find	found	I found a wallet in the street.
get	got	They got a taxi home at midnight.
give	gave	She gave him a red rose.
go	went	We went to the beach yesterday.
have	had	She had breakfast in a café.
hear /hɪə/	heard /hɜ:d/	I heard a noise outside the window.
leave	left	I left my books at home.
lose /lu:z/	lost	I lost my keys last weekend.
make	made	He made a big mistake.
meet	met	They met an old friend on Tuesday.
put /pʊt/	put	She put her purse in her bag.
read /ri:d/	read /red/	I read <i>Moby Dick</i> last month.
run	ran	He ran to the ticket office.
say	said /sed/	I said something wrong.
see	saw /sɔ:/	We saw an awful film on TV.
send	sent	She sent me a sad letter.
speak	spoke	I spoke to the manager this morning.
spend	spent	We spent a lot of money in Paris.
take	took /tʊk/	I took my car to the garage on Monday.
think	thought /θɔ:t/	I thought you were ill.
tell	told	He told me a funny story.
wake up	woke up	I woke up at 4.00 a.m.
write	wrote	She wrote a letter.

Learn the verb patterns.

Verb + preposition	Example
agree with	I don't agree with you.
go to	They go to the cinema a lot.
listen to	Don't listen to her.
look at	Look at this photo.
look for	I'm looking for room 13.
speak / talk to	I want to speak / talk to you.
think of	What do you think of Picasso?
wait for	Wait for me, please!
write to	Please write to me!

Verb + infinitive	Example
need to	I need to learn English for my job.
want to	We want to go to Brazil next summer.
like to	Would you like to have dinner with us?

Verb + (verb)-ing	Example
hate	I hate shopping .
like	She doesn't like flying .
love	He loves cooking .