

Most Used Irregular Verbs + Pronunciations

Be	Was/ were**	Been
Beat	Beat	Beaten
Become	Became	Become
Begin	Began	Begun
Bite	Bit	Bitten
Blow	Blew	Blown
Break /,breɪk/	Broke	Broken
Bring	Brought /,brɔ:t/	Brought /,brɔ:t/
Build	Built /,bɪlt/	Built /,bɪlt/
Can	Could /,kʊd/	-----
Catch	Caught /,kɔ:t/	Caught /,kɔ:t/
Choose	Chose	Chosen
Come	Came	Come
Cost	Cost	Cost
Cut	Cut	Cut
Do	Did	Done
Draw	Drew	Drawn
Drink	Drank	Drunk
Drive	Drove	Driven
Eat	Ate Correct: /eɪt/ - like <u>date</u> , <u>fate</u> , <u>mate</u> and <u>rate</u> Incorrect: /et/	Eaten
Fall	Fall	Fallen
Feel	Fell	Felt
Fight	Fought /,fɔ:t/	Fought /,fɔ:t/
Find	Found /,faʊnd/	Found /,faʊnd/
Fly	Flew	Flew
Forget	Forgot	Forgotten
Get	Got	Got (GB), Gotten (US)
Give	Gave	Given
Go	Went	Gone
Grow	Grew	Grown
Hang	Hung	Hung
Have	Had	Had
Hear	Heard	Heard
Hide	Hid	Hidden
Hit	Hit	Hit

Hold	Held	Held
Hurt	Hurt	Hurt
Know	Knew	Known
Leave	Left	Left
Lend	Lent	Lent
Let	Let	Let
Lie	Lay /,leɪ/	Lain /,leɪn/
Lose	Lost	Lost
Make	Made	Made
Mean	Meant /,ment/	Meant /,ment/
Meet	Met	Met
Pay	Paid	Paid
Put	Put	Put
Quit	Quit	Quit
Read	Read /,red/	Read /,red/
Ride	Rode	Ridden
Ring	Rang	Rung
Run	Ran	Run
Say	Said /,sed/	Said /,sed/
See	Saw	Seen
Sell	Sold	Sold
Send	Sent	Sent
Set	Set	Set
Shut	Shut	Shut
Sing	Sang	Sing
Sit	Sat	Sat
Sleep	Slept	Slept
Speak	Spoke	Spoken
Spend	Spent	Spent
Stand	Stood	Stood
Steal	Stole	Stolen
Swim	Swam	Swum
Take	Took /,tʊk/	Taken
Teach	Taught /,tɔ:t/	Taught /,tɔ:t/
Tell	Told	Told
Think	Thought /,θɔ:t/	Thought /,θɔ:t/
Throw	Threw	Threw

Understand	Understood /,ʌndə'tʊd/	Understood /,ʌndə'stʊd/
Wake	Woke	Woken
Wear	Wore	Worn

NOTE: All pronunciations indicated are US.

****Was** is used with the pronouns *I, she, he, it, someone, anyone, nobody* and *no one*. Important note: it is often forgotten that we use **was** also with the pronoun *everyone*:

-Correct: Everyone **was** happy with the result.

-Mistake: Everyone **were** happy with the result.

****Were** is used with all other pronouns- *I, you, we* and *they*.

US vs British forms

In British English, the past forms of **dream** are **dreamt** and **dreamt** (both /dremt/).

Speakers of US English sometimes use **dreamt** and **dreamt** as the past forms of **dream**, but they also sometimes employ **dream** as a regular verb with the forms **dreamed** and **dreamed**.

In British English, the forms of **learn** are **learnt** and **learnt**.

Speakers of US English however use **learn** as a regular verb with the forms **learned** and **learned**.

In British English **shine** is an irregular verb with the forms **shone** and **shone**.

In US English **shine** may be used as an irregular verb with the same forms **shone** and **shone**, or as a regular verb with the forms **shined** and **shined**.

The second form of **show** is **showed**, and the preferred third form is **shown**, although **showed** is also acceptable.