

IrREGULAR Verbs – Primary List (英語の不規則動詞)

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In English, **Irregular verbs** are verbs that do not follow the “add ‘ed’” rule. Usually, for **regular verbs** in English, we use “ed” to change verbs to past tense. Here are some examples of **regular verbs**:

| PRESENT | PAST | PERFECT | PRESENT | PAST | PERFECT |
|---------|----------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| bake | → baked | → baked | spell | → spelled | → spelled |
| ban | → banned | → banned | study | → studied | → studied |
| grade | → graded | → graded | sun | → sunned | → sunned |
| play | → played | → played | watch | → watched | → watched |
| raid | → raided | → raided | worry | → worried | → worried |

Irregular verbs may not use “ed” for past and perfect tenses. Below is the PRIMARY list of **irregular verbs** in English—and some study advice. This is a reference list, not a memorization tool. If you want to remember these verbs, practice is important!

- ① Don't try to memorize all the verbs at the same time. Try to remember 10 to 14 verbs a week. ***Rush to begin the process; don't rush the process.***
- ② Use a dictionary to look up the definitions of verbs you don't know. Write down the words and remember how to spell them.
- ③ Look for example sentences using these verbs on the internet and ask native speakers to give you example sentences. Write down the example sentences you find and check them with a teacher.
- ④ Write your own original sentences for each verb. Make sentences that are connected to your own experiences. Try to write three sentences for each verb. For example, on Monday, write three sentences for each verb. On Tuesday, write three NEW sentences for the same verbs. On Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, do the same thing again. Each day, try to use the words in conversation with teachers or your native English-speaking friends.

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* Example Sentences Provided

| PRESENT (現在形) | 日本語 (現在形) | PAST (過去形) | PERFECT (完了形) |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Be, am, are, is | 居る、ある、存在する | was, were | been |
| * bear, bears | 生む | bore | born, borne |
| become, becomes | なる | became | become |
| begin, begins | 始める、始まる | began | begun |
| bend, bends | 曲げる、曲がる | bent | bent |
| * blow, blows | 吹く、(鼻を)かむ | blew | blown |
| * break, breaks | 壊す | broke | broken |
| bring, brings | 持ってくる | brought | brought |
| build, builds | 建てる | built | built |
| * burn, burns | 燃える | burned or burnt | burned or burnt |
| buy, buys | 買う | bought | bought |
| * catch, catches | 捕まえる、掴む、(風を)ひく | caught | caught |
| choose, chooses | 選ぶ、決める | chose | chosen |
| come, comes | 来る | came | come |
| * cost, costs | かかる (お金、時間) | cost | cost |
| cut, cuts | 切る | cut | cut |
| do, does | する | did | done |
| * draw, draws | (画を)書く、(線を)引く、 | drew | drawn |
| * dream, dreams | 夢を見る、夢見る | dreamed or dreamt | dreamed or dreamt |
| * dress, dresses | 着る、着せる | dressed or drest | dressed or drest |

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|---------------------|------------------------|------------|---------------|
| drink, drinks | 飲む | drank | drunk |
| drive, drives | 運転する | drove | driven |
| eat, eats | 食べる | ate | eaten |
| * fall, falls | 落ちる | fell | fallen |
| feel, feels | 感じる | felt | felt |
| fight, fights | 戦う | fought | fought |
| find, finds | 見つける | found | found |
| fly, flies | 飛ぶ、飛ばす | flew | flown |
| forget, forgets | 忘れる | forgot | forgotten |
| * forgive, forgives | 許す | forgave | forgiven |
| * freeze, freezes | 冷凍する、凍らす、凍る | froze | frozen |
| * get, gets | 受け取る、貰う、着く、買う、成る | got | gotten |
| give, gives | あげる | gave | given |
| go, goes | 行く | went | gone |
| * grow, grows | 大きくなる、成長する、(植物、子供を)育てる | grew | grown |
| have, has | 持つ | had | had |
| hear, hears | 聞く、聞こえる | heard | heard |
| * hide, hides | 隠れる、隠す | hid | hidden |
| * hit, hits | 殴る、ぶつける、ぶつかる | hit | hit |
| * hold, holds | 持つ、掴まえる、抱っこする | held | held |

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|-----------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| * hurt, hurts | 痛める、～が痛い | hurt | hurt |
| * keep, keeps | 取って置く、やり続ける | kept | kept |
| know, knows | 知る、分かる | knew | known |
| * leave, leaves | 去る、出かける | left | left |
| * lie, lies | 横たわる | lay | lain |
| * lose, loses | 無くす、亡くす、失くす | lost | lost |
| make, makes | 作る | made | made |
| * mean, means | 意味する | meant | meant |
| meet, meets | 会う、出会う | met | met |
| pay, pays | 払う、支給する、支払う | paid | paid |
| * put, puts | 置く、(壁に)掛ける | put | put |
| * quit, quits | 止める、辞める | quit | quit |
| read, reads | 読む | read | read |
| ride, rides | 乗る | rode | ridden |
| run, runs | 走る | ran | run |
| say, says | 言う | said | said |
| see, sees | 見る、会う | saw | seen |
| sell, sells | 売る | sold | sold |
| send, sends | 送る | sent | sent |
| shake, shakes | 振る、揺さぶる | shook | shaken |

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|-------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| show, shows | 見せる | showed | shown |
| sing, sings | 歌う、(鳥を)鳴く | sang | sung |
| sit, sits | 座る、置く、有る | sat | sat |
| sleep, sleeps | 眠る、寝る | slept | slept |
| speak, speaks | 話す、喋る | spoke | spoken |
| * spell, spells | つづる | spelled or spelt | spelled or spelt |
| spend, spends | かける(お金、時間) | spent | spent |
| spill, spills | こぼす | spilled or spilt | spilled or spilt |
| stand, stands | 立つ | stood | stood |
| steal, steals | ぬすむ | stole | stolen |
| strike, strikes | 殴る、ぶつける、ぶつかる | struck | struck |
| * sweat, sweats | 汗をかく | sweated or sweat | sweated or sweat |
| swim, swims | 泳ぐ | swam | swum |
| take, takes | 取る | took | taken |
| teach, teaches | 教える | taught | taught |
| tear, tears | 破る | tore | torn |
| tell, tells | 教える | told | told |
| think, thinks | 考える、思う | thought | thought |
| throw, throws | 投げる | threw | thrown |
| understand, understands | 分かる | understood | understood |

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|---------------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| * wake, wakes | 起きる、起こす | woke | woken |
| * wear, wears | 着る、すり減らす | wore | worn |
| win, wins | 勝つ | won | won |
| write, writes | 書く | wrote | written |

* example sentences

bear

- She bore 10 children before she was 35.
- I was born in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

blow

- The freezing winter wind blew hard through the mountains as the snow began.
- Granddad had already blown out his birthday candles when we arrived.

break

- I broke my leg skiing.
- He continued to love her even though she had broken his heart.

burn

- I couldn't practice boxing because I had burned my hand cooking.
- The house burnt down in less than 20 minutes.

catch

- The shortstop caught the ball on the first bounce.
- Before last winter, I hadn't caught a cold in 20 years.

cost

- "How much did that sweater cost?"
- "Oh, it was on sale. It only cost \$600."

draw

- I was angry because he had drawn an ugly picture of me!
- I drew the curtains because a strange lady was looking in the window.

dream

- Last night, I dreamt I was a potato monster, eating little carrot people.
- She had once dreamt of being the queen of England. Now she dreams of being empress the world.

dress

- He dressed in such a hurry, he put on one blue sock and one brown sock.
- Her son was drest in his best Sunday clothes.

fall

- I fell off my elephant and sprained my wrist.
- He screamed because a roach had fallen on him.

forgive

- She has never forgiven me for the mistakes I made.
- I forgave him for eating my lunch.

freeze

- They were frozen with fear when they saw Godzilla.
- We froze all the hamburgers we didn't eat.

get

- I got home at 8 last night.
- He has gotten married and divorced five times.
- We got her a new car for her birthday.
- They got a condominium in Monaco last year.
- She carried her husband up the stairs after he had gotten ill.

grow

- He has grown up to be a productive member of society.
- These are the vegetables mom grew in her garden.

hide

- You'll never find your golden shoes! They've been hidden by my assistant!
- When the alien came into my house, I hid under the sink.

hit

- Did you know that Steve was hit by a car last week?
- My girlfriend hit me in the eye yesterday.
- The car rolled down the hill and hit the building.

hold

- Have you ever held a snake?
- An ex-marine held the robber down until the police came.

hurt

- My stomach hurt for hours after I ate that sandwich.
- Call an ambulance! That man's been hurt!
- You've really hurt her feelings. You should apologize.

keep

- Your grandmother gave me this letter and I've kept it for the last 25 years.
- He kept talking for hours! I couldn't say anything.

leave

- Oh no! I left my wallet at home!
- Do you know what time he left home?
- Darius left for work at nine thirty.
- You've left me no choice; I must tender my resignation.

lie

- She has lain down to take a nap.
- The cat lay down in the laundry basket after I folded the clothes.

lose

- Have you lost another umbrella already?
- He was very saddened after he lost his dog in a car accident.

mean

- Did you understand what his message meant?
- Your friendship has always meant a lot to me.

put

- She put her son's picture on her desk at work.
- I've put three new paintings on the wall in the den.

quit

- I quit my job at Disneyland in 2006.
- Guess what! I've quit smoking!

spell

- At the spelling bee, my daughter spelled almost every word correctly!
- I need to rewrite this letter; I've spelt something wrong.

sweat

- It's too hot! I've been sweating all day!
- The teacher sweat so much, his shirt got soaked.

wake

- Suzanne woke up at 4 this morning.
- Every morning, after my wife has woken me up, I cook her breakfast.

wear

- Have you ever worn a tuxedo to a convenience store?
- My cheap shoes wore thin very quickly.

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