

الدرس الحادي والعشرون - Twenty-First Lesson

Simple Past

Simple Past of the Verb Be

Affirmative Form:

- *I was.*
- *You were.*
- *He was.*
- *She was.*
- *It was.*
- *We were.*
- *You were.*
- *They were.*

Negative Form:

Short Forms:

- *I wasn't.*
- *You weren't.*
- *He wasn't.*
- *She wasn't.*
- *It wasn't.*
- *We weren't.*
- *You weren't.*
- *They weren't.*

Long Forms:

- *I was not.*
- *You were not.*
- *He was not.*
- *She was not.*

- *It **was not**.*
- *We **were not**.*
- *You **were not**.*
- *They **were not**.*

Interrogative Form:

- *Was **I**?*
- *Were **you**?*
- *Was **he**?*
- *Was **she**?*
- *Was **it**?*
- *Were **we**?*
- *Were **you**?*
- *Were **they**?*

Yes/No Questions:

- *Were **you** absent yesterday?*
 - *Yes, **I** was.*
- *Was **Rachid** at home last Monday?*
 - *No, **he** wasn't.*
- *Were **they** in Marrakesh two days ago?*
 - *No, **they** weren't.*

Simple Past of Regular Verbs:

The simple past of regular verbs is usually formed by adding **-ED** to the verb. However, with some verbs, you need to add **-ED** or change the ending a little.

Rules:

- Verbs ending in **e** = we add **d**
 - *Examples: live = **lived**, date = **dated**, type = **typed***
- Verbs ending in consonant + **y** = we change **y** to **i**, then we add **ed**

- *Examples: try = **tried**, cry = **cried**, spy = **spied***
- Verbs ending in one vowel + one consonant (but NOT **w** or **y**) = we double the consonant, then we add **ed**
 - *Examples: commit = **committed**, tap = **tapped**, fit = **fitted***
- For the rest of regular verbs, we just add **ed**
 - *Examples: play = **played**, work = **worked**, look = **looked***

Simple Past: Irregular Verbs

Introduction

Although many verbs in English form their past tense with **-ED**, some do not. These are called **irregular verbs**, and they include some of the most basic verbs in English. This page will explain some of the most important patterns in forming the past tense. However, the only way to know how an irregular verb will change in the past tense is to learn all of the important verbs.

1. **The three most important irregular verbs** The three most important irregular verbs are **BE, HAVE, and DO**. The simple past forms for BE are different depending on the subject.

Pronoun	BE	HAVE	DO
I	was	had	did
You	were	had	did
He / She / It	was	had	did
We	were	had	did
They	were	had	did

2. **Other irregular verbs** Other irregular verbs fall into three main categories:

- **Verbs which don't change**
 - *cut - cut*
 - *hit - hit*
 - *fit - fit*

- **Verbs which change their vowel**
 - *get - got*
 - *sit - sat*
 - *drink - drank*
- **Verbs which change completely**
 - *catch - caught*
 - *bring - brought*
 - *teach - taught*

Irregular Verbs

Base Form	Simple Past Tense	Past Participle
awake	awoke	awoken
be	was, were	been
bear	bore	born
beat	beat	beaten
become	became	become
begin	began	begun
bend	bent	bent
beset	beset	beset
bet	bet	bet
bid	bid/bade	bid/bidden
bind	bound	bound
bite	bit	bitten
bleed	bled	bled
blow	blew	blown
break	broke	broken
breed	bred	bred
bring	brought	brought
broadcast	broadcast	broadcast
build	built	built
burn	burned/burnt	burned/burnt
burst	burst	burst
buy	bought	bought
cast	cast	cast

catch	caught	caught
choose	chose	chosen
cling	clung	clung
come	came	come
cost	cost	cost
creep	crept	crept
cut	cut	cut
deal	dealt	dealt
dig	dug	dug
dive	dived/dove	dived
do	did	done
draw	drew	drawn
dream	dreamed/dreamt	dreamed/dreamt
drive	drove	driven
drink	drank	drunk
eat	ate	eaten
fall	fell	fallen
feed	fed	fed
feel	felt	felt
fight	fought	fought
find	found	found
fit	fit	fit
flee	fled	fled
fling	flung	flung
fly	flew	flown
forbid	forbade	forbidden
forget	forgot	forgotten

forego (forgo)	forewent	foregone
forgive	forgave	forgiven
forsake	forsook	forsaken
freeze	froze	frozen
get	got	gotten
give	gave	given
go	went	gone
grind	ground	ground
grow	grew	grown
hang	hung	hung
hear	heard	heard
hide	hid	hidden
hit	hit	hit
hold	held	held
hurt	hurt	hurt
keep	kept	kept
kneel	knelt	knelt
knit	knit	knit
know	knew	known
lay	laid	laid
lead	led	led
leap	leaped/leapt	leaped/leapt
learn	learned/learnt	learned/learnt
leave	left	left
lend	lent	lent
let	let	let
lie	lay	lain

light	lighted/lit	lighted
lose	lost	lost
make	made	made
mean	meant	meant
meet	met	met
misspell	misspelled/misspelt	misspelled/misspelt
mistake	mistook	mistaken
mow	mowed	mowed/mown
overcome	overcame	overcome
overdo	overdid	overdone
overtake	overtook	overtaken
overthrow	overthrew	overthrown
pay	paid	paid
plead	pled	pled
prove	proved	proved/proven
put	put	put
quit	quit	quit
read	read	read
rid	rid	rid
ride	rode	ridden
ring	rang	rung
rise	rose	risen
run	ran	run
saw	sawed	sawed/sawn
say	said	said
see	saw	seen
seek	sought	sought

sell	sold	sold
send	sent	sent
set	set	set
sew	sewed	sewed/sewn
shake	shook	shaken
shave	shaved	shaved/shaven
shear	shore	shorn
shed	shed	shed
shine	shone	shone
shoe	shoed	shoed/shod
shoot	shot	shot
show	showed	showed/shown
shrink	shrank	shrunk
shut	shut	shut
sing	sang	sung
sink	sank	sunk
sit	sat	sat
sleep	slept	slept
slay	slew	slain
slide	slid	slid
sling	slung	slung
slit	slit	slit
smite	smote	smitten
sow	sowed	sowed/sown
speak	spoke	spoken
speed	sped	sped
spend	spent	spent

spill	spilled/spilt	spilled/spilt
spin	spun	spun
spit	spit/spat	spit
split	split	split
spread	spread	spread
spring	sprang/sprung	sprung
stand	stood	stood
steal	stole	stolen
stick	stuck	stuck
sting	stung	stung
stink	stank	stunk
stride	strode	stridden
strike	struck	struck
string	strung	strung
strive	strove	striven
swear	swore	sworn
sweep	swept	swept
swell	swelled	swelled/swollen
swim	swam	swum
swing	swung	swung
take	took	taken
teach	taught	taught
tear	tore	torn
tell	told	told
think	thought	thought
thrive	thrived/throve	thrived
throw	threw	thrown

thrust	thrust	thrust
tread	trod	trodden
understand	understood	understood
uphold	upheld	upheld
upset	upset	upset
wake	woke	woken
wear	wore	worn
weave	weaved/wove	weaved/woven
wed	wed	wed
weep	wept	wept
wind	wound	wound
win	won	won
withhold	withheld	withheld
withstand	withstood	withstood
wring	wrung	wrung
write	wrote	written