

Verbs and Tenses

A Verb is a word that expresses action or a state of being. When it expresses the action, the verb tells either what someone or something does or what is done to someone or something.

Example: He wrote the letter. Or: The letter was written by him.

Main verbs of two kinds

Regular Verbs: These verbs take 'd' or 'ed' for past forms.

Examples: ask asked, love loved

Infinitive	Past Form	Past Participle
Ask	Asked	Asked
Announce	Announced	Announced
Agree	Agreed	Agreed
Accept	Accepted	Accepted
Admit	Admitted	Admitted
Appear	Appeared	Appeared
Advise	Advised	Advised
Arrange	Arranged	Arranged
Aim	Aimed	Aimed
Appoint	Appointed	Appointed
Arrive	Arrived	Arrived
Argue	Argued	Argued
Attack	Attacked	Attacked
Abscond	Absconded	Absconded
Accommodate	Accommodated	Accommodated
Act	Acted	Acted

Admire	Admired	Admired
Advance	Advanced	Advanced
Borrow	Borrowed	Borrowed
Believe	Believed	Believe
Blame	Blamed	Blamed
Bother	Bothered	Bothered
Call	Called	Called
Consider	Considered	Considered
Change	Changed	Changed
Cheat	Cheated	Cheated
Criticize	Criticized	Criticized
Cry	Cried	Cried
Capture	Captured	Captured
Carry	Carried	Carried
Collect	Collected	Collected
Convert	Converted	Converted
Continue	Continued	Continued
Convey	Conveyed	Conveyed
Clash	Clashed	Clashed
Commence	Commenced	Commenced
Compensate	Compensated	Compensated
Calculate	Calculated	Calculated
Canvass	Canvassed	Canvassed
Caution	Cautioned	Cautioned

Clarify	Clarified	Clarified
Challenge	Challenged	Challenged
Communicate	Communicated	Communicated
Close	Closed	Closed
Consult	Consulted	Consulted
Count	Counted	Counted
Chase	Chased	Chased
Dispatch	Dispatched	Dispatched
Depend	Depended	Depended
Depart	Departed	Departed
Delay	Delayed	Delayed
Demand	Demanded	Demanded
Discuss	Discussed	Discussed
Desire	Desired	Desired
Dash	Dashed	Dashed
Deliver	Delivered	Delivered
Decrease	Decreased	Decreased
Divide	Divided	Divided
Expect	Expected	Expected
Enjoy	Enjoyed	Enjoyed
Enquire	Enquired	Enquired
Entrust	Entrusted	Entrusted
Exempt	Exempted	Exempted
Form	Formed	Formed

Frame	Framed	Framed
Fear	Feared	Feared
Frighten	Frightened	Frightened
Fine	Fined	Fined
Follow	Followed	Followed
Gather	Gathered	Gathered
Guide	Guided	Guided
Guess	Guessed	Guessed
Help	Helped	Helped
Happen	Happened	Happened
Hesitate	Hesitated	Hesitated
Inform	Informed	Informed
Impress	Impressed	Impressed
Interest	Interested	Interested
Indicate	Indicated	Indicated
Instruct	Instructed	Instructed
Increase	Increased	Increased
Insist	Insisted	Insisted
Interfere	Interfered	Interfered
Interrupt	Interrupted	Interrupted
Introduce	Introduced	Introduced
Invite	Invited	Invited
Jump	Jumped	Jumped
Join	Joined	Joined

Kill	Killed	Killed
Kidnap	Kidnapped	Kidnapped
Like	Liked	Liked
Love	Loved	Loved
Listen	Listened	Listened
Lift	Lifted	Lifted
Look	Looked	Looked
Lecture	Lectured	Lectured
Move	Moved	Moved
Murmur	Murmured	Murmured
Manufacture	Manufactured	Manufactured
Mourn	Mourned	Mourned
Neglect	Neglected	Neglected
Owe	Owed	Owed
Pass	Passed	Passed
Prove	Proved	Proved
Perform	Performed	Performed
Purchase	Purchased	Purchased
Present	Presented	Presented
Pull	Pulled	Pulled
Permit	Permitted	Permitted
Prevent	Prevented	Prevented
Prefer	Preferred	Preferred
Proceed	Proceeded	Proceeded

Punish	Punished	Punished
Place	Placed	Placed
Practice	Practiced	Practiced
Possess	Possessed	Possessed
Quarrel	Quarrelled	Quarrelled
Refuse	Refused	Refused
Return	Returned	Returned
Remain	Remained	Remained
Remark	Remarked	Remarked
Report	Reported	Reported
Ridicule	Ridiculed	Ridiculed
Recall	Recalled	Recalled
Reflect	Reflected	Reflected
Release	Released	Released
Remind	Reminded	Reminded
Require	Required	Required
Reject	Rejected	Rejected
Store	Stored	Stored
Spoil	Spoiled	Spoiled
Suggest	Suggested	Suggested
Support	Supported	Supported
Suspect	Suspected	Suspected
Suffer	Suffered	Suffered
Seize	Seized	Seized

Search	Searched	Searched
Stop	Stopped	Stopped
Seem	Seemed	Seemed
Select	Selected	Selected
Scold	Scolded	Scolded
Surprise	Surprised	Surprised
Sympathize	Sympathized	Sympathized
Turn	Turned	Turned
Try	Tried	Tried
Tempt	Tempted	Tempted
Treat	Treated	Treated
Train	Trained	Trained
Threaten	Threatened	Threatened
Use	Used	Used
Vote	Voted	Voted
Verify	Verified	Verified
Want	Wanted	Wanted
Walk	Walked	Walked
Waste	Wasted	Wasted
Warn	Warned	Warned
Worry	Worried	Worried

Irregular Verbs: These verbs have a different past and past participle forms.

Examples: see, saw, go, went.

Infinitive	Past Form	Past Participle
Abide	Abode	Abode
Arise	Arose	Arisen
Bring	Brought	Brought
Build	Built	Built
Burn	Burned	Burnt
Buy	Bought	Bought
Beat	Beat	Beaten
Begin	Began	Begin
Bite	Bit	Bitten
Bind	Bound	Bound
Break	Broke	Broken
Become	Became	Become
Bear	Bore	Borne
Catch	Caught	Caught
Come	Came	Come
Choose	Chose	Chosen
Do	Did	Done
Dig	Dug	Dug
Drink	Drank	Drunk
Drive	Drove	Driven

Eat	Ate	Eaten
Fight	Fought	Fought
Find	Found	Found
Fly	Flew	Flown
Forget	Forgot	Forgotten
Feel	Felt	Felt
Feed	Fed	Fed
Give	Gave	Given
Go	Went	Gone
Grow	Grew	Grown
Get	Got	Got
Hold	Held	Held
Hide	Hid	Hidden
Have	Had	Had
Keep	Kept	Kept
Know	Knew	Known
Lay	Laid	Laid
Learn	Learnt	Learnt
Lose	Lost	Lost
Lend	Lent	Lent
Meet	Met	Met
Make	Made	Made
Mean	Meant	Meant

Pay	Paid	Paid
Run	Ran	Run
Rise	Rose	Risen
Ride	Rode	Ridden
Seek	Sought	Sought
Send	Sent	Sent
Blow	Blew	Blown
Sell	Sold	Sold
Spend	Spent	Spent
Sweep	Swept	Swept
Sit	Sat	Sat
Sink	Sank	Sunk
Speak	Spoke	Spoken
Stand	Stood	Stood
Stick	Stuck	Stuck
Strike	Struck	Struck
Swim	Swam	Swum
Sing	Sang	Sung
See	Saw	Seen
Shake	Shook	Shaken
Take	Took	Taken
Throw	Threw	Thrown
Tear	Tore	Torn

Teach	Taught	Taught
Tell	Told	Told
Think	Thought	Thought
Wear	Wore	Worn
Win	Won	Won
Write	Wrote	Written
Weep	Wept	Wept

Note: Look at the **weak verbs** given below.

There is no change in the forms of the past tense and the past participle from the present tense.

Infinitive	Past Form	Past Participle
Cut	Cut	Cut
Hit	Hit	Hit
Put	Put	Put
Shut	Shut	Shut
Spread	Spread	Spread
Telecast	Telecast	Telecast
Burst	Burst	Burst
Cost	Cost	Cost
Let	Let	Let
Set	Set	Set