



Study American English.com

with **Dr Jonathan**



Common Irregular Verbs (Level: Intermediate)

By using our product(s) or service(s), you agree to our Terms of Service (StudyAmericanEnglish.com/tos.html).

Present Tense – Past Tense – Past Participle



[a]rise – [a]rose – [a]risen - to stand up or wake up,
the [a] is formal

- ♦ I [a]rise every day at 6 AM.
- ♦ I [a]rose today at 6 AM.
- ♦ I have [a]risen this morning.

[a]wake – [a]woke – [a]woken - to wake up

- ♦ I am awake now.
- ♦ I woke up at 6 AM.
- ♦ I have awoken for the day.



bear – bore – borne - to carry or endure something

- ♦ He can bear a lot of pain.
- ♦ He bore that pain well.
- ♦ Bags of supplies were borne on the backs of horses.

begin – began – begun - to start something

- ♦ Let's begin the class.
- ♦ The class began at noon.
- ♦ The class has already begun.



bite – bit – bitten - to attack with the mouth/teeth

- ♦ Did the mosquito bite you?
- ♦ Yes, it bit me.
- ♦ Were you bitten by any mosquitos today?

blow – blew – blown - to push by wind, to fail or make a mistake

- ♦ Don't blow today's exam.
- ♦ The wind blew off the roof.
- ♦ In the desert, the sand is often blown around by the wind.

break – broke – broken - to damage something

- ♦ Be careful – don't break my glass vase.
- ♦ My computer was working before you broke it.
- ♦ The glass fell and got broken.



draw – drew – drawn - to sketch or paint by hand, to carry/move/pull something

- ♦ Said before the class: In today's art class, we will draw trees.
- ♦ Said after the class: In today's art class, we drew trees.
- ♦ That is a horse-drawn carriage.



drink – drank – drunk - to consume a liquid

- ♦ Don't drink the water. It's dirty.
- ♦ He drank too much [alcohol] last night.
- ♦ The medicine was drunk by the child this morning.

drive – drove – driven - to steer, control, etc. a vehicle

- ♦ Dad will drive you home from school today.
- ♦ Dad drove me home from school today.
- ♦ I was driven home from school today by Dad.

eat – ate – eaten - to consume food

- ♦ I'm hungry – let's eat!
- ♦ I ate a cookie after supper for dessert.
- ♦ The tasty cookies have all been eaten.



fall – fell – fallen - to slip, trip, etc. and land on the ground; to lose a high social position

- ♦ Be careful... don't fall.
- ♦ How did you break your arm? I fell down the stairs.
- ♦ That disgraced politician has really fallen from grace.



fly – flew – flown - to travel on the air as a bird does

- I like to fly in airplanes.
- We flew to Washington, DC on a 737 [jet airplane].
- How many times have you flown on airplanes?

forbid – forbade – forbidden - to prohibit something

- We forbid you from dating that boy – he's trouble.
- Her parents forbade her from dating that boy.
- She was forbidden from dating that boy by her parents.

forget – forgot – forgotten - not to remember something

- ♦ I'm getting old.... I forget things too easily.
- ♦ I'm sorry – I forgot your birthday, didn't I?
- ♦ In my life, I have forgotten more [things] than I can remember.



forgive – forgave – forgiven - to allow something, not to punish someone for something

- ♦ "Forgive and forget" is a peaceful policy.
- ♦ She forgave him for lying to her.
- ♦ Have you forgiven him yet for lying to you?

freeze – froze – frozen - a liquid below its freezing point (e.g., water below 0 Celsius / 32 Fahrenheit), to stop something

- Water freezes at 0 C.
- When she looked at him, he froze.
- That lake is frozen.

get – got – gotten - to receive, to understand

- Let's get something to eat. I get what you're saying.
- I got a lot of things done today.
- Have you gotten rid of that old rug yet?



give – gave – given - to donate, offer, etc. something

- ♦ I'll give you \$30 for this lamp.
- ♦ The customer gave the seller \$30 for that lamp.
- ♦ The seller was given \$30 for that lamp by the customer.

go – went – gone - to travel

- ♦ I go to work by bus every day.
- ♦ She went to work by bus today.
- ♦ I have gone to work by bus every day for a year.





grow – grew – grown - to become mature

- ♦ She grows tomatoes in her garden.
- ♦ She once grew tomatoes in her garden, but not anymore.
- ♦ She has grown tomatoes in her garden before; she could do it again.

hide – hid – hidden - to stay in private, avoid being seen, etc.

- ♦ Criminals usually try to hide from the police.
- ♦ After robbing the bank, they hid in an abandoned warehouse.
- ♦ Lions remain hidden in the grass until they jump on their prey.

know – knew – known - to have knowledge about someone/something

- ♦ I know how to drive a car.
- ♦ He knew her well in college.
- ♦ The things I have known and forgotten could fill a library.



lie – lay – lain - to rest on a flat surface (e.g., on a bed or shelf)

- ♦ Lie on the bed. (“Lay on the bed” means the action of going from standing to lying on the bed.)
- ♦ He lay on the bed.
- ♦ The book was lain by him on the bed.

mistake – mistook – mistaken - to misunderstand, understand incorrectly

- ♦ I'm sorry... it was my mistake.
- ♦ She mistook him for someone else.
- ♦ You must be mistaken about knowing me. We have never met before.



redo – redid – redone - to do something again

- ♦ You need to redo your work; it wasn't very good.
- ♦ He redid his work.
- ♦ This work needs to be redone.



ride – rode – ridden - to go in/on a vehicle

- ♦ She likes to ride horses.
- ♦ He rode his motorcycle on the highway.
- ♦ Have you ever ridden a bicycle?

ring – rang – rung - to sound a bell

- ♦ Please ring the doorbell.
- ♦ The church bells rang loudly.
- ♦ The school bell was rung at 9 AM.



see – saw – seen - to observe with the eyes, to understand

- ♦ I see what you mean.
- ♦ They saw us coming.
- ♦ I haven't seen her lately.

sew – sewed – sewn/sewed - to make or repair clothing with a needle and thread

- ♦ Let me sew the button back on your shirt.
- ♦ She sewed herself a new sweater.
- ♦ Over the years, she has sewn more than 20 sweaters.

shake – shook – shaken - to grasp or vibrate something

- ♦ Shake hands and make peace with him.
- ♦ The two competing politicians awkwardly shook hands.
- ♦ The town was shaken by an earthquake.



sing – sang – sung - to make music with one's voice

- ♦ Wow... she can really sing!
- ♦ The choir sang the national anthem.
- ♦ Have you sung any songs lately?



sink – sank – sunk - to go down, descend, put underneath

- ♦ Sink the electric[ity] cables underground.
- ♦ One side of the building sank [down] into the earth over time.
- ♦ The electric[ity] cables were sunk underground by the workers.

spring – sprang/sprung – sprung - to suddenly go/jump forward or up

- ♦ "Spring forward [in the Spring season], Fall back [in the Fall/Autumn season]" is a way to remember the Daylight Saving Time pattern.
- ♦ The runner suddenly sprang in front of his competitor.
- ♦ Having sprung in front of his competitor, the runner won the race.



steal – stole – stolen - to be a thief, robber, etc.

- ♦ Don't steal things that don't belong to you.
- ♦ She stole my heart.
- ♦ The famous painting was stolen last weekend.

stink – stank/stunk – stunk - to smell bad, to get a bad deal

- ♦ This business deal really stinks [for us].
- ♦ He stank/stunk of sweat after his run this morning.
- ♦ The broken sewer line has really stunk up my house.

swim – swam – swum - to go through water by moving the arms and legs

- ♦ Can you swim?
- ♦ The athlete swam from one bank/side of the river to the other.
- ♦ Have you ever swum in the ocean?

take – took – taken - to obtain or remove something

- ♦ I'm really tired. I need to take a nap.
- ♦ She was very tired, so she took a nap.
- ♦ The painting was taken by the thieves from the art gallery during the night.



throw – threw – thrown - to project, hurl, etc. something

- Throw me the ball!
- He threw her the ball.
- During the accident, she was thrown from the car.



undo – undid – undone - to change something back to how it was earlier, to loosen/untie or remove a bond

- Ctrl-Z is the undo command on most computers.
- The latest stock market drop undid a year's worth of growth.
- His shoe laces had come undone, so he tied them again.

wear – wore – worn - to put on the body as clothing; to be damaged from a lot of use, old, etc.

- ♦ Wear a coat today. It's going to be cold.
- ♦ It was cold, so she wore her coat.
- ♦ The old shoes were very worn [out].

weave – wove – woven - to go back and forth, to make cloth by combining yarn/string in a back-and-forth pattern

- ♦ I can weave you a new scarf on this loom.
- ♦ The drunk driver wove his car back and forth on the highway.
- ♦ This scarf was woven by hand.





write – wrote – written - to produce a written text

- ♦ He likes to write poetry.
- ♦ He wrote home once a week while he was away at war.
- ♦ Have you written any good stories lately?

Thanks for watching!

Please visit my website:

StudyAmericanEnglish.com



Credits

StudyAmericanEnglish.com/credits.html