

## Information about English Verbs

- A verb may consist of one or more words.
- Auxiliary verbs help the base verb to make tenses, passives and questions.
- The main auxiliary verbs are **be, is, am, are, will, have, has** and **do**.

We add 'ed' to most verbs to form past simple tenses or past participles., eg. clean <sup>present</sup> → cleaned <sup>past</sup> → cleaned <sup>past participle</sup>  
 For some verbs, the spelling becomes *irregular* (doesn't follow usual rules). see <sup>present</sup> → saw <sup>past</sup> → seen <sup>past participle</sup>

### A List of some irregular verbs:

base verb infinitive present simple	past simple	past participle <small>*for present perfect tense use with have/has</small>	base verb infinitive present simple	past simple	past participle <small>*for present perfect tense use with have/has</small>
be/am/is/are	was/were	been	lend	lent	lent
beat	beat	beaten	light	lit	lit
become	became	become	lose	lost	lost
begin	began	begun	make	made	made
bend	bent	bent	mean	meant	meant
bite	bit	bitten	meet	met	met
blow	blew	blown	pay	paid	paid
break	broke	broken	read /ri:d/	read /red/	read /red/
bring	brought	brought	ride	rode	ridden
build	built	built	ring	rang	rung
burn	burnt/burned	burnt/burned	rise	rose	risen
buy	bought	bought	run	ran	run
catch	caught	caught	say	said	said
choose	chose	chosen	see	saw	seen
come	came	come	sell	sold	sold
dig	dug	dug	send	sent	sent
do	did	done	show	showed	shown
draw	drew	drawn	sing	sang	sung
drink	drank	drunk	sink	sank	sunk
drive	drove	driven	sit	sat	sat
eat	ate	eaten	sleep	slept	slept
fall	fell	fallen	speak	spoke	spoken
feed	fed	fed	spell	spelt	spelt
feel	felt	felt	spend	spent	spent
fight	fought	fought	spring	sprang	sprung
find	found	found	stand	stood	stood
fly	flew	flown	steal	stole	stolen
forget	forgot	forgotten	sting	stung	stung
forgive	forgave	forgiven	swear	swore	sworn
get	got	got	swim	swam	swum
give	gave	given	swing	swung	swung
go	went	gone	take	took	taken
grow	grew	grown	teach	taught	taught
have	had	had	tear /teə/	tore	torn
hear	heard	heard	tell	told	told
hide	hid	hidden	think	thought	thought
hold	held	held	throw	threw	thrown
keep	kept	kept	understand	understood	understood
know	knew	known	wake	woke	woken
lay	laid	laid	wear	wore	worn
lead	led	led	win	won	won
leave	left	left	write	wrote	written