

STUDY GUIDE FOR THE IRREGULAR VERBS OF ENGLISH

For portuguese speakers

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Here's your study guide for the irregular verbs of English. They have been **classified into different groups according to their similarity**. It's a good idea to read them out loud in order to memorize both pronunciation and spelling.

There is also the translation of the verbs into Brazilian Portuguese (BP). Many of these translations do not cover all the meanings/forms they may have in BP, so a good dictionary would be of a great help to check **pronunciation, meaning and usage**.

PRESENT	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
Bring	brought	brought	Trazer
Buy	bought	bought	Comprar
Catch	caught	caught	Pegar, agarrar
Teach	taught	taught	Lecionar, ensinar
Think	thought	thought	Pensar
Fight	fought	fought	Lutar, combater
Seek	sought	sought	Procurar

PRESENT	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
Begin	began	begun	Iniciar, começar
Sink	sank	sunk	Afundar
Swim	swam	swum	Nadar
Ring	rang	rung	Tocar, ressoar
Shrink	shrank ²	shrunk	encolher
Sing	Sang	sung	cantar
Spring	sprang	sprung	Saltar, pular
Drink	drank	drunk	Beber
Run	ran	run	correr

PRESENT	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
Blow	blew	Blown	Soprar, estourar, soar
Fly	flew	Flown	Voar, pilotar
Grow	grew	Grown	Crescer, cultivar
Know	knew	Known	Saber, conhecer
Throw	threw	Thrown	Atirar, lançar, arremessar
Draw	drew	drown	Puxar, arrastar

PRESENT	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
Drive	drove	Driven	Dirigir
Ride	rode	ridden	Montar, andar de,
Rise	rose	risen	Subir, levantar-se
Write	wrote	written	Escrever
Strive	strove	striven	Lutar, esforçar-se por
Arise	arose	arisen	Surgir, aparecer

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² Also possible: *shrink, shrunk, shrunk*.

PRESENT	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
Sleep	slept	slept	Dormer
Sweep	swept	swept	Varrer
Creep	crept	crept	Engatinhar, arrastar-se
Keep	kept	hept	Manter, ficar com
Leave	left	left	Deixar, partir
Meet	met	met	Encontrar, conhecer (pessoas)
Leap	lept	lept	Saltar, pular
weep	wept	wept	Chorar, prantear

PRESENT	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
Forgive	forgave	forgiven	Esquecer
Give	gave	given	dar
Eat	ate	eaten	comer
forbid	forbade	forbidden	proibir

PRESENT	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
Bend	bent	bent	Curvar (-se)
Lend	Lent	lent	Emprestar
Send	sent	sent	Enviar
Spend	spent	spent	Gastar, passar tempo
Lean	lent ³	lent	Inclinar(-se), enconstar(-se)
Mean	meant	meant	Significar, querer dizer

PRESENT	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
Sell	sold	sold	Vender
Tell	told	told	Contar

PRESENT	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
Break	broke	broken	Quebrar
Choose	chose	chosen	Escolher
Freeze	froze	frozen	Congelar
Speak	spoke	spoken	Falar
Steal	stole	stolen	Roubar
Awake	awoke	awoken	Acordar, despertar
Wake	woke	woken	Acordar, despertar
Steal	stole	stolen	Roubar

PRESENT	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
Lay	laid	laid	Pôr, colocar
Pay	paid	paid	Pagar
Say	said	said	Dizer

PRESENT	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
Come	came	come	Vir
Become	became	become	Tornar-se

³ Also possible: *lean, leaned, leaned*.

PRESENT	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
Stand	stood	stood	Estar de pé, agüentar
Understand	understood	understood	Entender

PRESENT	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
Cost	cost	cost	custar
Cut	cut	cut	Cortar
Hit	hit	hit	Bater
Hurt	hurt	hurt	Machucar
Let	let	let	Deixar
Put	put	put	Pôr, colocar
Set	set	Set	Pôr, colocar
Shut	shut	shut	Fechar
Split	split	split	Rachar, separar
Spread	spread	spread	espalhar
Burst	burst	burst	Exploder
Bet	Bet ⁴	Bet	Apostar
Thrust	thrust	thrust	Empurrar, impelir
Wet	wet	wet	Molhar(-se), umedecer(-se)

PRESENT	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
Get	got	gotten ⁵	Obter, arranjar, pegar
Forget	forgot	forgotten	Esquecer

PRESENT	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
Deal	dealt	dealt	Lidar com, distribuir
Feel	felt	felt	Sentir
Smell	smelt ⁶	smelt	Cheirar (ter cheiro), sentir cheiro
Spell	spelt ⁷	spelt	Grafar, escrever

PRESENT	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
Find	found	found	Encontrar, achar
Bind	bound	bound	Amarrar, unir, atar
Grind	ground	ground	Moer, triturar, oprimir
Wind	wound	wound	Fazer girar, serpear

PRESENT	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
Flee	fled	fled	Fugir de
Feed	fed	fed	Alimentar
Breed	bred	bred	Criar, formar, educar
Bleed	bled	bled	sangrar
Lead	led	led	Liderar, conduzir
Read	read	read	Ler
Speed	sped ⁸	sped	Mover-se rapidamente

⁴ Also possible: *bet, betted, betted*.

⁵ Also possible: *get, got, got*.

⁶ Also possible: *smell, smelled, smelled*.

⁷ Also possible: *spell, spelled, spelled*.

⁸ Also possible: *speed, speeded, speeded*.

PRESENT	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
Wear	wore	worn	Vestir, usar (no corpo)
Swear	swore	sworn	Jurar

PRESENT	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
Take	took	taken	Tomar, pegar, levar, etc.
Shake	shook	shaken	Agitar, sacudir
Forsake	forsook	forsaken	Deixar, abandonar

PRESENT	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
Tear	tore	torn	rasgar
Bear	bore	Born	Tolerar, suportar, dar a luz

PRESENT	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
Fling	flung	flung	Atirar-se, jogar-se
Hang	hung ⁹	hung	Pendurar, suspender
Sling	slung	slung	Pôr em tipóia, suspender
Sting	stung	stung	Picar, ferroar, afligir
String	strung	strung	Encordoar, suspender por meio de um cordão
Wring	Wrung	Wrung	Espremer, torcer, apertar (a mão)

In the following table there is a group of verbs whose past and past participle forms do not seem to be similar among themselves of with the previous groups.

PRESENT	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
Am, is, are ¹⁰	Was, were	been	Ser, estar
Beat	Beat	beaten	Bater, derrotar
Bite	bit	bit ¹¹	Morder, picar, ferroar
Build	built	built	Construir
Burn	burnt	Burnt ¹²	queimar
Dig	dug	dug	Cavar, escavar
Do	did	done	Fazer
Dream	dreamt ¹³	dreamt	Sonhar
Fall	fell	fallen	cair
Go	went	gone	Ir
Have	had	had	Ter, possuir
Hear	heard	heard	Ouvir, ficar sabendo
Hold	held	held	Segurar, pegar
Lie	lay	lain	Deitar(-se), situar(-se)
Light	lit ¹⁴	lit	Acender, iluminar
Lose	lost	lost	Perder, não ter mais

⁹ Also possible: *hang, hanged, hanged*.

¹⁰ Form of the verb *to be* in the Presente Tense. The infinitive is *be*.

¹¹ Also possible: *bite, bit, bitten*.

¹² Also possible: *burn, burned, burned*.

¹³ Also possible: *dream, dreamed, dreamed*.

¹⁴ Also possible: *light, lighted, lighted*.

Make	made	made	Fazer, produzir, criar
Meet	met	met	encontrar
Saw	Sawed	Sawn ¹⁵	Serrar
See	saw	seen	Ver, notar, perceber
Sew	sewed ¹⁶	sewn	Coser, costurar
Shine	shone	shone	Brilhar, reluzir
Shoot	shot	shot	Disparar, atirar em
Show	showed ¹⁷	shown	Mostrar, apresentar
Sit	sat	sat	Sentar
Slay	slew	slain	Matar, assassinar
Slide	slid	slid	Escorregar, deslizar
Sow	sowed ¹⁸	sown	semear
Spill	spilt ¹⁹	spilt	Derramar (acidentalmente)
Spin	spun	spun	Fiar, tecer
Spit	spat	spat	cuspir
Stick	stuck	stuck	Furar, cravar, enfiar
Stink	stank ²⁰	stunk	Cheirar mal, feder
strike	struck ²¹	struck	Bater, golpear
Swell	swelled ²²	swollen	Inchar, inflar
Swing	swung	swung	Balançar(-se), oscilar(-se)
Tread	trod ²³	trodden	Pisar, por o pé em
Win	won	won	Vencer, ganhar (competição)

¹⁵ Also possible: *saw, sawed, sawed.*

¹⁶ Also possible: *sew, sewed, sewed.*

¹⁷ Also possible: *show, showed, showed.*

¹⁸ Also possible: *sow, sowed, sowed.*

¹⁹ Also possible: *spill, spilled, spilled.*

²⁰ Also possible: *stink, stunk, stunk.*

²¹ Also possible: *strike, struck, stricken.*

²² Also possible: *swell, swelled, swelled.*

²³ Also possible: *tread, trod, trod.*