

## Regular and Irregular Verbs in English

### Regular Verbs

#### *Definition:*

**Regular verbs** follow a predictable pattern when forming the **past tense** and **past participle**—they simply add **-ed** (or **-d** if the verb ends in -e).

#### *Examples:*

##### **Base Verb Past Tense Past Participle**

play	played	played
clean	cleaned	cleaned
love	loved	loved
talk	talked	talked

#### **Spelling Rules for Regular Verbs:**

1. **Add -ed**  
*want → wanted*
2. **Verbs ending in -e:** just add **-d**  
*like → liked*
3. **Consonant + y:** change **y** to **i** and add **-ed**  
*study → studied*
4. **One-syllable verbs ending in CVC:** double final consonant  
*stop → stopped, plan → planned*

### Irregular Verbs

#### *Definition:*

**Irregular verbs** do **not** follow a fixed pattern when forming the **past tense** and **past participle**. Their forms must be memorized.

#### **Examples:**

##### **Base Verb Past Tense Past Participle**

go	went	gone
eat	ate	eaten
take	took	taken
have	had	had
see	saw	seen

### Notes:

- Some irregular verbs have the same past and past participle:  
*buy – bought – bought, say – said – said*
- Others have all three forms different:  
*drink – drank – drunk, begin – began – begun*

### Comparison Table

Verb Type	Rule	Example
Regular	Add -ed/-d	play → played
Irregular	No fixed rule; must be memorized	go → went → gone

### Common Irregular Verbs List

Base	Past	Past Participle
be	was/were	been
do	did	done
make	made	made
write	wrote	written
know	knew	known

### Practice Exercise

Fill in the blanks with the correct past or past participle form:

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to London last year.
2. I have never \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) sushi.
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a movie yesterday.
4. They have \_\_\_\_\_ (take) the test already.
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ (play) football last weekend.