ENGLISH, LITERACY, AND COMMUNICATION

Regular and irregular verbs

Difficulty level: Intermediate

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Overview of the concept

This is how you say what happened in the past correctly, like knowing you walked yesterday but you went to the store, not goed. Most verbs add ed to make the past, but some of the most common ones change completely, like go becomes went and eat becomes ate. A story told in the past tense sounds wrong when an irregular verb is forced into the regular pattern, and a listener notices right away. Knowing which verbs are irregular is what makes your past tense sound natural.



Rule

A regular verb forms its past tense by adding ed.

An irregular verb does not add ed, and its past tense must be learned.

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Worked examples

EXAMPLE 1

Q Give the past tense of 'jump'.

SOLUTION

Check: does 'jump' add ed for the past tense? Yes.

So it is a regular verb.

Past tense: jumped.

EXAMPLE 2

Q Give the past tense of 'go'.

SOLUTION

Check: does 'go' add ed? 'goed' is not a word.

So it is an irregular verb, and you just have to learn its past tense.

Past tense: went.

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Practice questions

1 Yesterday we ___ to the park. Fill the gap with the past tense of walk. Regular or irregular?

- **A** walked, regular
- **B** walked, irregular
- **C** walking, regular
- **D** walks, regular

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2 Last night I ___ a shooting star. Fill the gap with the past tense of see. Regular or irregular?

- **A** saw, regular
- **B** saw, irregular
- **C** seen, irregular
- **D** sees, irregular

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Yesterday she ___ the movie. Fill the gap with the past tense of like. Regular or irregular?

A liked, regular

B likeed, regular

C liking, regular

D likes, regular

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Yesterday I ___ the paper. Fill the gap with the past tense of cut. Regular or irregular?

A cut, irregular

B cutted, irregular

C cutting, irregular

D cuts, irregular

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He ___ a new food yesterday. Fill the gap with the past tense of try. Regular or irregular?

A tried, regular

B tryed, regular

C trying, regular

D tries, regular

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6

She ___ a song last night. Fill the gap with the past tense of sing. Regular or irregular?

A sang, irregular

B singed, irregular

C sung, irregular

D sings, irregular

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7 **They ___ at the shop yesterday. Fill the gap with the past tense of stop. Regular or irregular?**

A stopped, regular

B stoped, regular

C stopping, regular

D stops, regular

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8 **He ___ his book to school. Fill the gap with the past tense of bring. Regular or irregular?**

A brought, irregular

B bringed, irregular

C brang, irregular

D brings, irregular

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9 Is 'walked' the past tense of a regular or an irregular verb?

A Regular, it adds ed

B Irregular, it changes completely

C Regular, it doubles a letter

D Irregular, it stays the same

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10 Which sentence uses the past tense correctly?

A Yesterday I goed to school.

B Yesterday I went to school.

C Yesterday I go to school.

D Yesterday I going to school.

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ANSWER KEY

1. walked, regular

2. saw, irregular

3. liked, regular

4. cut, irregular

5. tried, regular

6. sang, irregular

7. stopped, regular

8. brought, irregular

9. Regular, it adds ed

10. Yesterday I went to school.

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