

SUP VOCAB – CHAPTER 0 – IRREGULAR VERBS

There are more than 20,000 verbs in the English language, among which about 200 are irregular: that's not a lot (less than 1%)! However, a vast majority of these 200 irregular verbs are very frequently used. In fact, most common verbs, like "be", "have", "sleep", "eat", etc., are irregular! (Granted: some major verbs are regular, such as "live", "love", "work"...)

So why are so many frequently used verbs irregular? Well, the answer is simple: they are irregular **because** they are frequently used! Over time, they've been damaged and modified by people, hence their weird forms (unsurprisingly, the most irregular of all verbs is "be – was/were – been"!).

VERB	PRETERIT	PP	FRENCH
bear	bore	borne	<i>soutenir</i>
beat	beat	beaten	<i>battre</i>
become	became	become	<i>devenir</i>
begin	began	begun	<i>commencer</i>
bet	bet	bet	<i>parier</i>
bind	bound	bound	<i>(re)lier</i>
bite	bit	bitten	<i>mordre</i>
bleed	bled	bled	<i>saigner</i>
blow	blew	blown	<i>souffler</i>
break	broke	broken	<i>casser</i>
bring	brought	brought	<i>apporter</i>
build	built	built	<i>construire</i>
burn	burned/ burnt	burned/ burnt	<i>brûler</i>
buy	bought	bought	<i>acheter</i>
cast	cast	cast	<i>jeter / diffuser</i>
Catch	caught	caught	<i>attraper</i>
choose	chose	chosen	<i>choisir</i>
come	came	come	<i>venir</i>
cost	cost	cost	<i>coûter</i>
cut	cut	cut	<i>couper</i>
deal	dealt	dealt	<i>vendre / distribuer</i>
dig	dug	dug	<i>creuser</i>
do	did	done	<i>faire</i>
draw	drew	drawn	<i>dessiner / tirer</i>
drink	drank	drunk	<i>Boire</i>
drive	drove	driven	<i>conduire</i>
eat	ate	eaten	<i>manger</i>
fall	fell	fallen	<i>tomber</i>
feed	fed	fed	<i>nourrir</i>
feel	felt	felt	<i>ressentir</i>
fight	fought	fought	<i>se battre</i>
find	found	found	<i>trouver</i>
flee	fled	fled	<i>s'enfuir</i>
fly	flew	flown	<i>voler</i>
forbid	forbade	forbidden	<i>interdire</i>
forget	forgot	forgotten	<i>oublier</i>
forgive	forgave	forgiven	<i>pardonner</i>
freeze	froze	frozen	<i>geler</i>
get	got	got	<i>obtenir / aller</i>
give	gave	given	<i>donner</i>
go	went	gone	<i>aller</i>
grow	grew	grown	<i>grandir / élever</i>
have	had	had	<i>avoir</i>
hear	heard	heard	<i>entendre</i>
hide	hid	hidden	<i>(se) cacher</i>
hit	hit	hit	<i>frapper</i>
hold	held	held	<i>tenir</i>

hurt	hurt	hurt	<i>blesser</i>
keep	kept	kept	<i>garder</i>
know	knew	known	<i>savoir / connaître</i>
lay	laid	laid	<i>poser / mettre</i>
lead	led	led	<i>mener</i>
learn	learned / learnt	learned / learnt	<i>apprendre</i>
leave	left	left	<i>partir / quitter</i>
lend	lent	lent	<i>prêter</i>
let	let	let	<i>laisser / permettre</i>
lie	lay	lain	<i>être étendu</i>
light	lit	lit	<i>allumer</i>
lose	lost	lost	<i>perdre</i>
make	made	made	<i>faire</i>
mean	meant	meant	<i>signifier</i>
pay	paid	paid	<i>payer</i>
put	put	put	<i>mettre</i>
quit	quit	quit	<i>cesser (de...)</i>
read	read [e]	read [e]	<i>lire</i>
ride	rode	ridden	<i>conduire / monter</i>
ring	rang	rung	<i>sonner</i>
rise	rose	risen	<i>s'élever / se lever</i>
run	ran	run	<i>courir</i>
say	said	said	<i>dire</i>
see	saw	seen	<i>voir</i>
seek	sought	sought	<i>rechercher</i>
sell	sold	sold	<i>vendre</i>
send	sent	sent	<i>envoyer</i>
shake	shook	shaken	<i>secouer</i>
shine	shone	shone	<i>briller</i>
shoot	shot	shot	<i>tirer</i>
show	showed	shown	<i>(dé)montrer</i>
shrink	shrank	shrunk	<i>rétrécir</i>
shut	shut	shut	<i>fermer</i>
sing	sang	sung	<i>chanter</i>
sit	sat	sat	<i>être assis</i>
sleep	slept	slept	<i>dormir</i>
sow	sowed	sown	<i>semer</i>
speak	spoke	spoken	<i>parler</i>
spend	spent	spent	<i>dépenser / passer</i>
split	split	split	<i>diviser / fendre</i>
spread	spread	spread	<i>répandre / étaler</i>
stand	stood	stood	<i>se tenir (debout)</i>
steal	stole	stolen	<i>voler / dérober</i>
stick	stuck	stuck	<i>coller</i>
stink	stank	stunk	<i>puer</i>
strike	struck	struck	<i>frapper</i>
swear	swore	sworn	<i>jurer</i>
swim	swam	swum	<i>nager</i>
take	took	taken	<i>prendre</i>
teach	taught	taught	<i>enseigner</i>
tear	tore	torn	<i>déchirer</i>
tell	told	told	<i>dire / raconter</i>
think	thought	thought	<i>penser</i>
throw	threw	thrown	<i>jeter</i>
understand	understood	understood	<i>comprendre</i>
(a)wake	(a)woke	(a)woken	<i>(se) réveiller</i>
wear	wore	worn	<i>porter / user</i>
win	won	won	<i>gagner</i>
write	wrote	written	<i>écrire</i>