TYPE I: Past = Present

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Irregular Verbs by Form

Present		Simple
		Past &
		Participle
-t		-t
bet, set, wet, le		"
fit, hit, quit, slit,		"
split, knit ^{reg}		"
hurt		
burst, cast		"
(fore-, broad-),		
cost, thrust		66
cut, put, shut		-
-d		-d
bid, rid		"
read, shed,		
spread, wed		
TYPE II: Pas	st	Participle
= Simple Pa	st	
Present		imple Past &
		articiple
-d	-t	
bend	-t b	ent
bend lend	-t b le	ent ent
bend lend rend	-t b le re	ent ent ent
bend lend rend send	-t b le re	ent ent ent ent
bend lend rend send spend	-t b le re s	ent ent ent ent pent
bend lend rend send	-t be re se	ent ent ent ent pent uilt
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bend lend rend send spend build bring buy	<mark>-t</mark> b เ ร ร ร ร ร ร ร บ	ent ent ent ent opent uilt ught rought ought
bend lend rend send spend build bring buy catch	-t b re sı b b b b c	ent ent ent ent pent uilt uilt ught rought ought aught
bend lend rend send spend build build bring buy catch fight	-t b le s ร b b b b c c f c	ent ent ent ent uilt uilt ught rought ought aught ought
bend lend rend send spend build build bring buy catch fight seek	-t b le s s b b b b c c c c c c c c s	ent ent ent ent pent uilt uilt ught rought ought ought ought ought
bend lend rend send spend build build bring buy catch fight seek teach	-t b le re s b b b b b c c a f c s c a f c	ent ent ent ent pent uilt gght rought ought ought ought ought ought ought
bend lend rend send build build bring buy catch fight seek teach think	-t b re s s b b -ι b b c c c f c s c t a t t	ent ent ent ent pent uilt uilt uilt ught rought aught ought aught aught nought
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heard

Present	Simple Past & Participle
-eet	-et
meet	met
-eep	-ept
creep	crept
keep	kept
sleep	slept
sweep	swept
weep	wept
leap	leapt reg
leave	left
-1	-lt
deal	dealt
feel	felt
kneel	knelt
dwell *	dwelt
smell	smelt reg
spell	spelt reg
spill	spilt ^{reg}
learn	learnt reg
lean	leant reg
mean	meant
dream	dreamt reg
-i-	-u-
cling	clung
fling	flung
sling	slung
sting	stung
string	strung
swing	swung
wring	wrung
spin	spun
win	won
slink	slunk
dig	dug
stick	stuck
-ind	-ound
bind	bound
find	found
grind	ground
wind	wound

Present	Simple Past & Participle
	-U-
hang	hung
shine	shone
strike	struck
sneak	snuck ^{reg}
	-d
say	said
lay (mis-, under-, over-)	laid
pay (under-, over-)	paid
sell	sold
tell (fore-)	told
hold (with-)	held
slide	slid
stand (under-, misunder-, with-)	stood
shoe *	shod
make	made
have	had
	-t
lose	lost
light	lit ^{reg}
shoot	shot
sit	sat
spit	spat

TYPE III: Past Participle is Different

Present	Simple Past	Past Participle
-in	-an	-un
begin	began	begun
ring	rang	rung
sing	sang	sung
spring	sprang	sprung
drink	drank	drunk
shrink	shrank	shrunk
sink	sank	sunk
stink	stank	stunk
swim	swam	swum



speed

lead

flee

hear

TYPE III: Past Participle is Different

Participle is Different		
Present	Simple Past	Past Participle
-i-	-0-	
drive		-i-en
ride	drove rode	driven ridden
rise (a-)	rose	risen
smite *	smote	smitten
stride strive	strode	stridden
write	strove wrote	striven written
-ea-	-0-	-o-n
bear	bore	born(e)
tear	tore	torn
swear	swore	sworn
wear	wore	worn
break	broke	broken
speak	spoke	spoken
steal	stole	stolen
weave	wove	woven
freeze	froze	frozen
wake	woke	woken
(a-)		
-i-e	-i-	-i-en
bite	bit	bitten
hide	hid	hidden
-ake	-ook	-aken
forsake	forsook	forsaken
shake	shook	shaken
take	took	taken
(mis-,		
over-,		
par-)		
-OW	-ew	-own
blow	blew	blown
grow	grew	grown
know	knew	known
throw	threw	thrown
-a-	-e-	-a-n
draw	drew	drawn
(with-)		
fall	fell	fallen
slay *	slew	slain
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TYPE III: Past Participle is Different

Present	Simple Past	Past Participle
	-d	-n
sew	sewed	sewn
SOW	sowed	sown
saw	sawed	sawn
show	showed	shown
strew *	strewed	strewn
shear *	sheared	shorn
swell	swelled	swollen
do	did	done
be [am,	was /	been
are, is]	were	
go (for-,	went	gone
under-)		
choose	chose	chosen
lie	lay	lain
get	got	gotten
(for-)		
tread	trod	trodden
eat	ate	eaten
give	gave	given
(for-)		
bid (for-)	bade	bidden
see	saw	seen
fly	flew	flown
beat	beat	beaten
come	came	come
(be-,		
over-)		
run	ran	run

^{reg} means the verb can also be regular. Which form is used depends on usage - formal or informal - and regional dialect

* means that the verb is not commonly used and many speakers may confuse the forms

(fore-) means that the verb has prefixes that also form irregular verbs. For example, "cast (fore-, broad-) means that the verbs <u>fore</u>cast and <u>broad</u>cast have the same pattern as cast. Many of these verbs can also have the prefix **re-**.

