

Regular and Irregular Verbs

A verb is a "doing" word. A verb can express:

- A physical action (e.g., *to swim, to write, to climb*).
- A mental action (e.g., *to think, to guess, to consider*).
- A state of being (e.g., *to be, to exist, to appear*).
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The verbs that express a state of being take a little practise to spot, but, actually, they are the most common. The most common verb is the verb *to be* as in 'I am', 'you are', 'they are' and so on.

To make the past tense of **regular verbs** we add **ed** at the end.

LAUGH becomes **LAUGHED**

If the verb ends in an **e** we just add **d** – notice the word's last two letters are still **ed**

SMILE becomes **SMILED**

Irregular verbs are more complicated. With irregular verbs the word seems completely different in the past tense. Dictionaries can help figuring out which word we should use.

The verb **SEE** changes to:

He **saw** the defender handle the ball.

We have **seen** how referees make mistakes.

a) Complete the table with the correct use of the past tense verb.

Sentence	Verb
Example	Do
I did all my homework last night.	
Who my new football?	Borrow
I I'd forgotten my dad's birthday!	Know
He a ghost.	See
Jake last in the race.	Be
Tracy a noise downstairs.	Hear
Meera to catch the bus.	Run
Mum at my silly joke.	Laugh
The teacher across the classroom.	Shout
My little brother after falling over.	Cry
Tom the Ed Sheeran song really well.	Sing

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b) Are these verbs regular or irregular?

Verbs	Regular	Irregular
Do		
Think		
Swim		
Run		
Kiss		
Play		
Burn		
Know		
Be		
Eat		