

## Irregular Verbs:

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With some verbs, the past tense and past participle are not always the same.

These are called irregular verbs and there is a list in the Appendix (pp.55-56).

The participles however, still combine with a helper verb e.g. have swum, are caught, am singing.

Look at the verbs below:

<u>Regular Verbs</u>	Present Tense	Past Tense	Past Participle
	I jump	I jumped	I have jumped
	I cook	I cooked	I have cooked
	I climb	I climbed	I have climbed

We can see both the past tense and past participle add '-ed.'

Now look at these verbs:

<u>Irregular Verbs</u>	Present Tense	Past Tense	Past Participle
	I do	I did	I have done
	I see	I saw	I have seen
	I swim	I swam	I have swum
	I catch	I caught	I have caught
	I put	I put	I have put

**What do you notice? Sometimes all three forms are different, sometimes all the same, sometimes two forms are the same. You simply have to learn irregular verbs and practice makes perfect!**

Some of the irregular verbs which cause the most problems are the following:

Present Tense	Past Tense	Past Participle
do	did	done
eat	ate	eaten
go	went	gone
begin	began	begun
swim	swam	swum
give	gave	given

Present Tense	Past Tense	Past Participle
see	saw	seen
write	wrote	written
take	took	taken
fall	fell	fallen
sing	sang	sung
fly	flew	flown

**Study these so you can use them correctly. Remember that past participles are used with an auxiliary (helper) verb such as have, has, had, was, were**