IRREGULAR VERBS: A REFERENCE LIST

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Learning can be fun with Mnemonics! When we were kids, rhyming songs and phrases were some of the gimmicks used to make us remember different things. I hope sorting these Irregular Verbs into rhyming groups can help you memorize them in a short period of time. Actually some groups can be memorized in ONLY 10 SECONDS!!! Have a look at Group 3!!!

SIMPLE FORM	SIMPLE PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE	
Group 1			
r <u>i</u> ng	r <u>a</u> ng	r <u>u</u> ng	
s i ng	s <u>a</u> ng	s <u>u</u> ng	
s <u>i</u> nk	s <u>a</u> nk	s <u>u</u> nk	
dr <u>i</u> nk	dr <u>a</u> nk	dr <u>u</u> nk	
shr i nk	shr <u>a</u> nk	shr <u>u</u> nk	
sw <u>i</u> m	sw <u>a</u> m	sw <u>u</u> m	
beg <u>i</u> n	beg <u>a</u> n	beg <u>u</u> n	
r <u>u</u> n	r <u>a</u> n	r <u>u</u> n	

Group 2		
fe <u>e</u> d	fed	fed
le <u>a</u> d	led	led
bre <u>e</u> d	bred	bred
read	read* (Pronounced as red)	read
s <u>el</u> l	s <u>old</u>	s <u>o</u> l <u>d</u>
t <u>el</u> l	t <u>o</u> l <u>d</u>	t <u>o</u> l <u>d</u>
slid <u>e</u>	slid	slid
h <u>o</u> ld	h <u>e</u> ld	h <u>e</u> ld

	Group 3	
hit	hit	hit
fit	fit	fit
spit	spit (spat)	spit (spat)
knit	knit /(knitted)	knit /(knitted)
quit	quit	quit
let	let	let
set	set	set
upset	upset	upset
shut	shut	shut
cut	cut	cut
put	put	put
cost	cost	cost
hurt	hurt	hurt
spread	spread	spread
broadcast	broadcast	broadcast

	Group 4	
buy	bought	bought
fight	fought	fought
seek	sought	sought
think	th ought	th ought
bring	brought	brought
teach	t <u>a</u> ught	t <u>a</u> ught
catch	c <u>a</u> ught	c <u>a</u> ught

SIMPLE FORM	CONDS!!! Have a loo SIMPLE PAST	PAST
SIMILE FORM		PARTICIPLE
	Group 5	
ben <u>d</u>	ben <u>t</u>	ben <u>t</u>
sen <u>d</u>	sen <u>t</u>	sen <u>t</u>
len <u>d</u>	len <u>t</u>	len <u>t</u>
spen <u>d</u>	spen <u>t</u>	spen <u>t</u>
buil <u>d</u>	buil <u>t</u>	buil <u>t</u>
sle <u>e</u> p	slep <u>t</u>	slep <u>t</u>
ke <u>e</u> p	kep <u>t</u>	kep <u>t</u>
cre <u>e</u> p	crep <u>t</u>	crep <u>t</u>
we <u>e</u> p	wep <u>t</u>	wep <u>t</u>
swe <u>e</u> p	swep <u>t</u>	swep <u>t</u>
leap	leapt (leaped)	leapt (leaped)
fe <u>e</u> l	fel <u>t</u>	fel <u>t</u>
mean	mean <u>t</u>	mean <u>t</u>
dream	dreamt /(dreamed)	dream <u>t</u> /(dreamed)
me <u>e</u> t	met	met
le <u>ave</u>	le <u>ft</u>	le <u>ft</u>
los <u>e</u>	los <u>t</u>	los <u>t</u>
burn	burn <u>t</u> /(burned)	burn <u>t</u> /(burned)
	Group 6	
h <u>a</u> ng	h <u>u</u> ng	h <u>u</u> ng
hang (to kill)	hanged	hanged
dig	d <u>u</u> g	d <u>ug</u>
sho <u>o</u> t	shot	shot
st <u>an</u> d	st <u>oo</u> d	st <u>oo</u> d
underst <u>an</u> d	underst <u>oo</u> d	underst <u>oo</u> d
st <u>i</u> ck	st <u>u</u> ck	st <u>u</u> ck
str <u>i</u> k <u>e</u>	str <u>uc</u> k	str <u>uc</u> k
s <u>i</u> t	s <u>a</u> t	s <u>a</u> t
w <u>i</u> n	w <u>o</u> n	w <u>o</u> n
ma <u>k</u> e	ma d e	ma d e
ра <u>у</u>	ра <u>іd</u>	ра <u>іd</u>
la <u>y</u>	la id	la id
sa <u>y</u>	sa <u>id</u>	sa <u>id</u>
li gh t	lit / (lighted)	lit / (lighted)
f <u>i</u> nd	f <u>ou</u> nd	f <u>ou</u> nd
found	found <u>ed</u>	found <u>ed</u>
	Group 7	
thr <u>o</u> w	thr <u>e</u> w	throw <u>n</u>
gr <u>o</u> w	gr e w	grow <u>n</u>
bl <u>o</u> w	bl <u>e</u> w	blow <u>n</u>
draw	drew	draw <u>n</u>
withdr <u>a</u> w	withdr <u>e</u> w	withdraw <u>n</u>
fl <u>y</u>	flew	flown
kn o w	knew	know <u>n</u>
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SIMPLE FORM	SIMPLE PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE
	Group 8	
wr <u>i</u> te	wr <u>o</u> te	writ t e n
cho <u>o</u> se	chose	chose <u>n</u>
fr <u>ee</u> ze	fr <u>o</u> ze	fr <u>o</u> ze <u>n</u>
sp <u>ea</u> k	sp <u>o</u> k <u>e</u>	sp <u>o</u> k <u>en</u>
aw <u>a</u> ke	aw <u>o</u> ke	aw <u>o</u> ke <u>n</u>
br <u>ea</u> k	br <u>o</u> k <u>e</u>	br <u>o</u> k <u>en</u>
st <u>ea</u> l	st <u>ole</u>	st <u>o</u> len
r i de	r <u>o</u> de	rid d e n
r i se	r <u>o</u> se	rise <u>n</u>
sh <u>a</u> k <u>e</u>	sh <u>oo</u> k	shake <u>n</u>
t <u>a</u> k <u>e</u>	t <u>oo</u> k	take <u>n</u>
overt <u>a</u> k <u>e</u>	overt <u>oo</u> k	overtake <u>n</u>
mist a k e	mist oo k	mistake <u>n</u>
f <u>a</u> ll	f <u>e</u> ll	fall <u>en</u>
forg <u>e</u> t	forg <u>o</u> t	forg o t ten
hid <u>e</u>	hid	hid den
shave	shave <u>d</u>	shave <u>n</u> /shaved
bit <u>e</u>	bit	bi <u>t</u> te <u>n</u>
beat	beat	beat <u>en</u>
sw <u>ea</u> r	sw <u>o</u> r <u>e</u>	sw <u>o</u> r <u>n</u>
t <u>ea</u> r	t <u>ore</u>	t <u>orn</u>
w <u>ea</u> r	w <u>o</u> r <u>e</u>	w <u>o</u> r <u>n</u>
w <u>ea</u> ve	w <u>o</u> ve	w <u>o</u> ve <u>n</u>
forb i d	forb <u>a</u> d <u>e</u>	forbid den
g i ve	g <u>a</u> ve	give <u>n</u>
forg <u>i</u> ve	forg <u>a</u> ve	forgive <u>n</u>
dr <u>i</u> ve	dr <u>o</u> ve	drive <u>n</u>
<u>e</u> at	at <u>e</u>	eat en
g <u>e</u> t	g <u>o</u> t	got/gotten
prove	prove <u>d</u>	prove <u>n</u> /proved
show	show <u>ed</u>	show <u>n</u>
w <u>a</u> ke	woke/waked	woken/waked

SIMPLE FORM	SIMPLE PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE
	Group 9	
d <u>i</u> ve	dive d /d o ve	dive <u>d</u>
do	did	do <u>ne</u>
go	<u>went</u>	go <u>ne</u>
hear	hear <u>d</u>	hear <u>d</u>
ha <u>ve</u>	ha <u>d</u>	ha <u>d</u>
(be) <u>am, is, are</u>	was, were	be <u>en</u>
c <u>o</u> me	c <u>a</u> me	come
bec <u>o</u> me	bec <u>a</u> me	become
overc <u>o</u> me	overc <u>a</u> me	overcome
s <u>ee</u>	s <u>aw</u>	see <u>n</u>
saw	saw <u>ed</u>	saw <u>n</u> /(sawed)
lie	lie <u>d</u>	lie <u>d</u>
l <u>ie</u>	l <u>ay</u>	l <u>ain</u>
la <u>v</u>	la <u>id</u>	la <u>id</u>
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