

IRREGULAR VERBS: A REFERENCE LIST

Mnemonic Rhyming Groups

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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		
<u>ring</u>	<u>rang</u>	<u>rung</u>
<u>sing</u>	<u>sang</u>	<u>sung</u>
<u>sink</u>	<u>sank</u>	<u>sunk</u>
<u>drink</u>	<u>drank</u>	<u>drunk</u>
<u>shrink</u>	<u>shrank</u>	<u>shrunk</u>
<u>swim</u>	<u>swam</u>	<u>swum</u>
<u>begin</u>	<u>began</u>	<u>begun</u>
<u>run</u>	<u>ran</u>	<u>run</u>

Group 2		
<u>feed</u>	<u>fed</u>	<u>fed</u>
<u>lead</u>	<u>led</u>	<u>led</u>
<u>breed</u>	<u>bred</u>	<u>bred</u>
<u>read</u>	<u>read*</u> (Pronounced as <i>red</i>)	<u>read</u>
<u>sell</u>	<u>sold</u>	<u>sold</u>
<u>tell</u>	<u>told</u>	<u>told</u>
<u>slide</u>	<u>slid</u>	<u>slid</u>
<u>hold</u>	<u>held</u>	<u>held</u>

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

Group 4		
<u>buy</u>	<u>bought</u>	<u>bought</u>
<u>fight</u>	<u>fought</u>	<u>fought</u>
<u>seek</u>	<u>sought</u>	<u>sought</u>
<u>think</u>	<u>thought</u>	<u>thought</u>
<u>bring</u>	<u>brought</u>	<u>brought</u>
<u>teach</u>	<u>taught</u>	<u>taught</u>
<u>catch</u>	<u>caught</u>	<u>caught</u>

SIMPLE FORM	SIMPLE PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE
Group 5		
<u>bend</u>	<u>bent</u>	<u>bent</u>
<u>send</u>	<u>sent</u>	<u>sent</u>
<u>lend</u>	<u>lent</u>	<u>lent</u>
<u>spend</u>	<u>spent</u>	<u>spent</u>
<u>build</u>	<u>built</u>	<u>built</u>
<u>sleep</u>	<u>slept</u>	<u>slept</u>
<u>keep</u>	<u>kept</u>	<u>kept</u>
<u>creep</u>	<u>crept</u>	<u>crept</u>
<u>weep</u>	<u>wept</u>	<u>wept</u>
<u>sweep</u>	<u>swept</u>	<u>swept</u>
<u>leap</u>	<u>leapt</u> (leaped)	<u>leapt</u> (leaped)
<u>feel</u>	<u>felt</u>	<u>felt</u>
<u>mean</u>	<u>meant</u>	<u>meant</u>
<u>dream</u>	<u>dreamt</u> /(dreamed)	<u>dreamt</u> /(dreamed)
<u>meet</u>	<u>met</u>	<u>met</u>
<u>leave</u>	<u>left</u>	<u>left</u>
<u>lose</u>	<u>lost</u>	<u>lost</u>
<u>burn</u>	<u>burnt</u> /(burned)	<u>burnt</u> /(burned)

Group 6		
<u>hang</u>	<u>hung</u>	<u>hung</u>
<u>hang</u> (to kill)	<u>hanged</u>	<u>hanged</u>
<u>dig</u>	<u>dug</u>	<u>dug</u>
<u>shoot</u>	<u>shot</u>	<u>shot</u>
<u>stand</u>	<u>stood</u>	<u>stood</u>
<u>understand</u>	<u>understood</u>	<u>understood</u>
<u>stick</u>	<u>stuck</u>	<u>stuck</u>
<u>strike</u>	<u>struck</u>	<u>struck</u>
<u>sit</u>	<u>sat</u>	<u>sat</u>
<u>win</u>	<u>won</u>	<u>won</u>
<u>make</u>	<u>made</u>	<u>made</u>
<u>pay</u>	<u>paid</u>	<u>paid</u>
<u>lay</u>	<u>laid</u>	<u>laid</u>
<u>say</u>	<u>said</u>	<u>said</u>
<u>light</u>	<u>lit</u> / (lighted)	<u>lit</u> / (lighted)
<u>find</u>	<u>found</u>	<u>found</u>
<u>found</u>	<u>founded</u>	<u>founded</u>

Group 7		
<u>throw</u>	<u>threw</u>	<u>thrown</u>
<u>grow</u>	<u>grew</u>	<u>grown</u>
<u>blow</u>	<u>blew</u>	<u>blown</u>
<u>draw</u>	<u>drew</u>	<u>drawn</u>
<u>withdraw</u>	<u>withdrew</u>	<u>withdrawn</u>
<u>fly</u>	<u>flew</u>	<u>flown</u>
<u>know</u>	<u>knew</u>	<u>known</u>

