

Part B

Past Participles of Irregular Verbs

Most verbs that are irregular in the past tense are also irregular in the past participle:

Present Tense	Past Tense	Helping Verb plus Past Participle
1. We <i>sing</i> .	1. We <i>sang</i> .	1. We <i>have sung</i> .
2. Bill <i>writes</i> .	2. Bill <i>wrote</i> .	2. Bill <i>has written</i> .
3. I <i>think</i> .	3. I <i>thought</i> .	3. I <i>have thought</i> .

- ◇ Irregular verbs change from present to past to past participle in unusual ways.
- ◇ *Sung*, *written*, and *thought* are all past participles of irregular verbs.
- ◇ Note that the past tense and past participle of *think* are the same—*thought*.

Reference Chart: Irregular Verbs, Past and Past Participle		
SIMPLE FORM	PAST TENSE	PAST PARTICIPLE
be	was, were	been
become	became	become
begin	began	begun
blow	blew	blown
break	broke	broken
bring	brought	brought
build	built	built
buy	bought	bought
catch	caught	caught
choose	chose	chosen
come	came	come
cut	cut	cut
do	did	done
draw	drew	drawn
drink	drank	drunk
drive	drove	driven
eat	ate	eaten
fall	fell	fallen
feed	fed	fed
feel	felt	felt
fight	fought	fought
find	found	found
fly	flew	flown

### Reference Chart: Irregular Verbs (Continued)

SIMPLE FORM	PAST TENSE	PAST PARTICIPLE
forget	forgot	forgotten
forgive	forgave	forgiven
freeze	froze	frozen
get	got	got (gotten)
give	gave	given
go	went	gone
grow	grew	grown
have	had	had
hear	heard	heard
hide	hid	hidden
hold	held	held
hurt	hurt	hurt
keep	kept	kept
know	knew	known
lay	laid	laid
lead	led	led
leave	left	left
let	let	let
lie	lay	lain
lose	lost	lost
make	made	made
meet	met	met
pay	paid	paid
quit	quit	quit
read	read	read
ride	rode	ridden
rise	rose	risen
run	ran	run
say	said	said
see	saw	seen
sell	sold	sold
send	sent	sent
shake	shook	shaken
shine	shone (shined)	shone (shined)
sing	sang	sung
sit	sat	sat
sleep	slept	slept
speak	spoke	spoken
spend	spent	spent
spring	sprang	sprung
stand	stood	stood
steal	stole	stolen
stink	stank	stunk
swim	swam	swum
take	took	taken

Reference Chart: Irregular Verbs (Continued)		
SIMPLE FORM	PAST TENSE	PAST PARTICIPLE
teach	taught	taught
tear	tore	torn
tell	told	told
think	thought	thought
throw	threw	thrown
understand	understood	understood
wake	woke (waked)	woken (waked)
wear	wore	worn
win	won	won
write	wrote	written

*Practice 1*

The first sentence of each pair below contains an irregular verb in the past tense. Fill in *have* or *has* plus the past participle of the same verb to complete the second sentence.

- Sean took courses in computer programming.  
Sean \_\_\_\_\_ courses in computer programming.
- Robert sent his latest song to a music publisher.  
Robert \_\_\_\_\_ his latest song to a music publisher.
- Yolanda forgot to take her car keys with her.  
Yolanda \_\_\_\_\_ to take her car keys with her.
- Because of the low pay, they quit their jobs.  
Because of the low pay, they \_\_\_\_\_ their jobs.
- The jockey rode all day in the hot sun.  
The jockey \_\_\_\_\_ all day in the hot sun.
- Hershey, Pennsylvania, became a great tourist attraction.  
Hershey, Pennsylvania, \_\_\_\_\_ a great tourist attraction.

