# ESOL E2 – Irregular verbs

# 1 of 18 – Introduction

Welcome to this session on irregular verbs.

This session will cover:

* Irregular verbs in the past tense and past participle form
* Practicing using common irregular verbs in sentences

# 2 of 18 – What is an irregular verb?

An irregular verb is a verb that has a **past tense** or **past participle** form that does not end in ‘ed’.

Here is a **regular** verb, ‘walk’:

* Present tense = walk
* Past tense = walked
* Past participle = walked

Here is an **irregular** verb, ‘break’:

* Present tense = break
* Past tense = broke
* Past participle = broken

# 3 of 18 – Word forms

Let’s recap the word forms we will be using in this session.

1. Simple present tense (used when an action is happening right now)

For example:

I feel great.

2. Simple past tense (used to talk about things that happened in the past)

For example:

Tom won the gold medal.

3. Past participle (used as an adjective or to form verb tenses)

For example:

The message was whispered into the man’s ear.

# 4 of 18 – Irregular verbs

There are over 400 English verbs that use an irregular form. In this session, we will be learning about most common irregular verbs that you are likely to use in your speech and writing.

As you work through the session, make a note of any irregular verbs that are new to you or that you often get wrong. Unfortunately, the only way to learn irregular verbs is to practice them.

# 5 of 18 – Be, do, go

Let’s learn another three irregular verbs: ‘be’, ‘do’ and ‘go’.

Look carefully at the correct forms in the table below. You will need to remember this information to answer the questions on the following slides.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Verb** | **Simple past** | **Past participle** |
| Be | Was/were | Been |
| Do | Did | Done |
| Go | Went | Gone |

# 6 of 18 – Question 1

For each of the sentences below, choose the missing word from the selection below. Use the past simple tense for each verb.

1. Yesterday I **[blank]** (do) my laundry.
2. I **[blank]** (go) outside and saw a rainbow.
3. We **[blank]** (be) thinking of going to see a movie.
4. Did
5. Been
6. Were
7. Will
8. Went
9. Have

The correct answers are:

**1A** Yesterday I **did** my laundry.

**2E** I **went** outside and saw a rainbow.

**3C** We **[blank]** (be) thinking of going to see a movie.

# 7 of 18 – Question 2

For each of the sentences below, choose the missing word from the selection below. Use the past perfect simple tense for each verb.

1. She has **[blank]** (go) the wrong way.
2. They have **[blank]** (be) on holiday.
3. He has **[blank]** (do) the washing up.
4. Been
5. Went
6. Have
7. Done
8. Did
9. Gone

The correct answers are:

**1F** She has **gone** the wrong way.

**2A** They have **been** on holiday.

**3D** He has **done** the washing up.

# 8 of 18 – Come, get, have

Three of the most commonly used irregular verbs are ‘be’, ‘do’ and ‘go’.

Look carefully at the correct forms in the table below. You will need to remember this information to answer the questions on the following slides.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Verb** | **Simple past** | **Past participle** |
| Be | Was/were | Been |
| Do | Did | Done |
| Go | Went | Gone |

# 9 of 18 – Question 3

For each of the sentences below, choose the missing word from the selection below. Use the past simple tense for each verb.

1. I **[blank]** (come) to work on my bicycle.
2. She **[blank]** (get) the promotion she wanted.
3. Stella **[blank]** (have) the money in her purse.
4. Went
5. Got
6. Came
7. Had
8. Did
9. Have

The correct answers are:

**1C** I **came** to work on my bicycle.

**2B** She **got** the promotion she wanted.

**3D** Stella **had** the money in her purse.

# 10 of 18 – Question 4

For each of the sentences below, choose the missing word from the selection below. Use the past perfect simple tense for each verb.

1. He hasn’t **[blank]** (get) any money.
2. She has **[blank]** (have) a busy day.
3. They have **[blank]** (come) for a rest.
4. Went
5. Got
6. Came
7. Had
8. Come
9. Have

The correct answers are:

**1B** He hasn’t **got** (get) any money.

**2D** She has **had** (have) a busy day.

**3E** They have **come** (come) for a rest.

# 11 of 18 – Throw, put, let

Let’s learn another three irregular verbs: ‘throw’, ‘put’ and ‘let’.

Look carefully at the correct forms in the table below. You will need to remember this information to answer the questions on the following slides.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Verb** | **Simple past** | **Past participle** |
| Throw | Threw | Thrown |
| Put | Put | Put |
| Let | Let | let |

# 12 of 18 – Question 5

For each of the sentences below, choose the missing word from the selection below. Use the past simple tense for each verb.

1. He **[blank]** (throw) the sweet wrappers in the bin.
2. She **[blank]** (put) the toys in the drawer.
3. Suki **[blank]** (let) her son stay out until 10 p.m.
4. Let
5. Got
6. Came
7. Threw
8. Put
9. Have

The correct answers are:

**1D** He **threw** the sweet wrappers in the bin.

**2E** She **put** the toys in the drawer.

**3A** Suki **let** her son stay out until 10 p.m.

# 13 of 18 – Question 6

For each of the sentences below, choose the missing word from the selection below. Use the past perfect simple tense for each verb.

1. Rita has **[blank]** (throw) the packaging away.
2. She has **[blank]** (put) a jumper on.
3. He has **[blank]** (let) the cat out.
4. Let
5. Got
6. Put
7. Gone
8. Thrown
9. Have

The correct answers are:

**1E** Rita has **thrown** the packaging away.

**2C** She has **put** a jumper on.

**3A** He has **let** the cat out.

# 14 of 18 – Begin, run, grow

Let’s learn another three irregular verbs: ‘begin’, ‘run’ and ‘grow’.

Look carefully at the correct forms in the table below. You will need to remember this information to answer the questions on the following slides.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Verb** | **Simple past** | **Past participle** |
| Begin | Began | Begun |
| Run | Ran | Run |
| Grow | Grew | grown |

# 15 of 18 – Question 7

For each of the sentences below, choose the missing word from the selection below. Use the past simple tense for each verb.

1. The play **[blank]** (begin) at 8 p.m.
2. The flower **[blank]** (grow) another centimeter.
3. She **[blank]** (run) around the field.
4. Grown
5. Grew
6. Put
7. Began
8. Thrown
9. Ran

The correct answers are:

**1D** The play **began** at 8 p.m.

**2B** The flower **grew** another centimeter.

**3F** She **ran** around the field.

# 16 of 18 – Question 8

For each of the sentences below, choose the missing word from the selection below. Use the past perfect simple tense for each verb.

1. The dog has **[blank]** (grow) so much!
2. She has **[blank]** (run) from her responsibilities.
3. He has **[blank]** (begin) to learn French.
4. Grown
5. Grew
6. Begun
7. Began
8. Run
9. Ran

The correct answers are:

**1A** The dog has **grown** so much!

**2E** She has **ran** from her responsibilities.

**3D** He has **begun** to learn French.

# 17 of 18 – End

Well done. You have completed this session on irregular verbs.

We have covered:

* Irregular verbs in the past tense and past participle form
* Practicing using common irregular verbs in sentences

If you have any questions about anything covered in this session, speak to your tutor for more help.