

Irregular Verbs by Sound Group

Group 1: The most important, most irregular verbs		
Be	was/were	been
Do	Did	/dʌn/
Have	Had	Had
Go	Went	/gɒn/
Make	Made	Made

Group 2		
Infinitive	/ɒt/	/ɒt/
Think	/θɒt/	/θɒt/
Bring	/brɒt/	/brɒt/
Buy	/bɒt/	/bɒt/
Catch	/kɒt/	/kɒt/
Fight	/fɒt/	/fɒt/
Teach	/tɒt/	/tɒt/

Group 3		
Infinitive	/æɪn/	/ʌn/
begin	began	begun
sing	sang	sung
drink	drank	drunk

Group 4		
Infinitive	/u/	/oun/
fly	/flu/	/floun/
grow	/gru/	/groun/
know	/nu/	/noun/
throw	/θru/	/θroun/

Clave: = commonly mispronounced



Group 5		
Infinitive	/e/	/ould/
sell	/sould/	/sould/
tell	/tould/	/tould/

Group 6		
/i/	/e*t/	/e*t/
leave	left	left
keep	kept	kept
sleep	slept	slept
feel	felt	felt
meet	met	met
mean	meant	meant
lose	lost	lost

Group 7		
Infinitive	Irregular	/-n/
eat	ate	eaten
hide	hid	hidden
fall	fell	fallen
give	gave	given
see	/so/	seen
take	took	taken

Group 8		
Infinitive	/ou/	/-n/
drive	drove	driven
ride	rode	ridden
write	wrote	written
speak	spoke	spoken
freeze	froze	frozen
steal	stole	stolen
break	broke	broken
wake	woke	woken
choose	chose	chosen
get	got	gotten
forget	forgot	forgotten

Group 9		
/ai/	/aund/	/aund/
find	/faund/	/faund/

Group 10		
Infin	/ed/	/ed/
say	/sed/	/sed/
read	/red/	/red/
lead	led	led
feed	fed	fed

Group 12		
/hiə/	/hɜrd/	/hɜrd/

Group 14		
/ʌ/	/ei/ or /æ/	/ʌ/
/kʌm/	came	/kʌm/
/rʌn/	/ræɪn/	/rʌn/

Group 15		
Inf -d	-t	-t
send	sent	sent
lend	lent	lent
/bild/	/bilt/	/bilt/

Group 13: No change		
Let	Let	Let
Bet	Bet	Bet
Set	Set	Set
Cut	Cut	Cut
Shut	Shut	Shut
Quit	Quit	Quit
Hit	Hit	Hit
Hurt	Hurt	Hurt
Cost	Cost	Cost
Put	Put	Put