

ENGLISH 3AC · SEMESTER 2

20 irregular verbs: English 3AC practice

Learn 20 useful irregular verbs for English 3AC: base forms, past simple and past participles, with short stories, illustrated practice and answers.

Key points

- Irregular past forms must be learned: go becomes went.
- Did and didn't are followed by a base verb.
- Have and has are followed by a past participle.

Learning goals

- Recognise twenty frequent irregular verbs.
- Choose the past simple or past participle.
- Use a base verb after did and didn't.

Which irregular verbs are useful in English 3AC?

Start with verbs you can use in school and daily-life sentences. The table gives twenty useful verbs. Read each row from the base form to the past simple and then the past participle.

Got is the common British past participle used in this table; learners may also meet gotten in American English. Read keeps its spelling, but its past and participle forms have a different pronunciation from the present form.

Base form	Past simple	Past participle
be	was / were	been
become	became	become
begin	began	begun
bring	brought	brought
buy	bought	bought
come	came	come
do	did	done
drink	drank	drunk
eat	ate	eaten
find	found	found
get	got	got
give	gave	given
go	went	gone
have	had	had
make	made	made
read	read	read
see	saw	seen
speak	spoke	spoken
take	took	taken
write	wrote	written



Describe the visit with finished past verbs: went, saw, took and wrote. Then practise the matching participles.

How do you use the past simple form?

Use the past simple for a finished past event: We went to the museum yesterday. I bought a notebook on Saturday. In a question or negative, did carries the past meaning: Did you go? I didn't buy a notebook. Do not write Did you went? or didn't bought.

Learn verbs in useful pairs and short sentences instead of copying a long list without meaning. For example: I see the board every day. I saw the exhibition yesterday. Read has the same spelling in three forms, but the present sound is different from the past and participle sound.

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THREE VERB FORMS

Read each row as base form, past simple, past participle.

1 go
go / went / gone



2 see
see / saw / seen



3 take
take / took / taken



4 write
write / wrote / written

Read the examples. Explain the pattern. Make your own sentence.

Read each row as base form, past simple, past participle.

When do you need a past participle?

Use a past participle after have or has in the present perfect: I have written a paragraph. He has taken the book. Do not confuse wrote with written or went with gone. This lesson practises the forms needed for 3AC topics; the full choice between present perfect and past simple has its own lesson. Test yourself by covering one column, then writing a complete sentence with the form you remember.

A worked example

A short museum visit

Last Saturday, we went to a museum. I saw an old water pump and took notes. Back at school, I wrote a paragraph about it. I have kept my notes for the project.

- Went, saw, took and wrote tell finished events.
- Have kept shows the pattern have + past participle; keep is an extra useful verb.
- A question about the visit uses Did you go?, not Did you went?

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THE AUXILIARY CHOOSES THE FORM

Look at the word before the main verb.

- 1 A finished statement
I went to the museum.



- 2 A past question
Did you go to the museum?



- 3 Have + participle
I have written my notes.

Read the examples. Explain the pattern. Make your own sentence.

Look at the word before the main verb.

How should I use this English 3AC lesson?

- Try the exercises before reading the answers.
- Explain a correction in your own words.
- Return to the examples when two structures look similar.

Exercises: try before reading the answers

1. Past forms

Write the past simple of go, see and take.

2. Participles

Write the past participles of write, eat and give.

3. After did

Correct: Did you bought a notebook?

4. After have

Complete: I have ____ (see) the poster.

5. A short story

Complete: Yesterday I _____ (go) to the library and _____ (take) a book home.

6. Independent practice

Write two sentences with different irregular verbs, one in the past simple and one with have or has.

Answers and explanations

1. Past forms

Went, saw and took.

2. Participles

Written, eaten and given.

3. After did

Did you buy a notebook? Use the base form after did.

4. After have

Seen. Have takes the past participle.

5. A short story

Went and took. Yesterday gives a finished past time.

6. Independent practice

Possible answer: I wrote a paragraph yesterday. I have written three paragraphs this week. Wrote is past simple; written is a participle.

Frequently asked questions

How can I learn irregular verbs for English 3AC?

Learn a small group with its base, past simple and participle. Then use each verb in a meaningful sentence and test yourself without looking.

Do I use went after did?

No. Write Did you go? or I didn't go. Did already marks the past.

What is the difference between wrote and written?

Wrote is past simple: I wrote yesterday. Written is a participle: I have written a paragraph.

Revision resource: follow the units, instructions and pace set by your teacher.

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