

Regular and irregular verbs

A Regular verbs

The past simple and past participle of *regular* verbs is **-ed**:

clean → **cleaned** live → **lived** paint → **painted** study → **studied**

Past simple (⇒ Unit 11)

- I **cleaned** my shoes yesterday.
- Charlie **studied** engineering at university.

Past participle

Present perfect = **have/has** + *past participle* (⇒ Units 15-18):

- I **have cleaned** my shoes.
- Jane **has lived** in London for ten years.

Passive = **be (is / are / were / has been etc.)** + *past participle* (⇒ Units 21-22):

- These rooms **are cleaned** every day.
- My car **has been repaired**.

B Irregular verbs

The past simple and past participle of *irregular* verbs are *not* **-ed**:

	make	break	cut
<i>past simple</i>	made	broke	cut
<i>past participle</i>	made	broken	cut

Sometimes the past simple and past participle are *the same*. For example:

	make	find	buy	cut
<i>past simple</i>	made	found	bought	cut
<i>past participle</i>				

- I **made** a cake yesterday. (*past simple*)
- I **have made** some coffee. (*past participle – present perfect*)
- Butter **is made** from milk. (*past participle – passive present*)

Sometimes the past simple and past participle are *different*. For example:

	break	know	begin	go
<i>past simple</i>	broke	knew	begin	went
<i>past participle</i>	broken	known	began	gone

- Somebody **broke** this window last night. (*past simple*)
- Somebody **has broken** this window. (*past participle – present perfect*)
- This window **was broken** last night. (*past participle – passive past*)

EXERCISES

4.1 Write the past simple / past participle of these verbs. (The past simple and past participle are the same for all the verbs in this exercise.)

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| 1 make made | 6 enjoy | 11 hear |
| 2 cut cut | 7 buy | 12 put |
| 3 get | 8 sit | 13 catch |
| 4 bring | 9 leave | 14 watch |
| 5 pay | 10 happen | 15 understand |

4.2 Write the past simple and past participle of these verbs.

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|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 break broke broken | 6 run | 11 take |
| 2 begin | 7 speak | 12 go |
| 3 eat | 8 write | 13 give |
| 4 drink | 9 come | 14 throw |
| 5 drive | 10 know | 15 forget |

4.3 Put the verb in the right form.

- I **washed** my hands because they were dirty. (wash)
- Somebody has **broken** this window. (break)
- I feel good. I very well last night. (sleep)
- We a very good film yesterday. (see)
- It a lot while we were on holiday. (rain)
- I've my bag. (lose) Have you it? (see)
- Rosa's bicycle was last week. (steal)
- I to bed early because I was tired. (go)
- Have you your work yet? (finish)
- The shopping centre was about 20 years ago. (build)
- Ann to drive when she was 18. (learn)
- I've never a horse. (ride)
- Julia is a good friend of mine. I've her for a long time. (know)
- Yesterday I and my leg. (fall / hurt)

4.4 Complete these sentences. Choose from the list and put the verb into the correct form.

cost drive fly ~~make~~ meet sell speak swim tell think
wake up win

- I have **made** some coffee. Would you like some?
- Have you John about your new job?
- We played basketball on Sunday. We didn't play very well but we
- I know Gary but I've never his wife.
- We were by loud music in the middle of the night.
- Stephanie jumped into the river and to the other side.
- 'Did you like the film?' 'Yes, I it was very good.'
- Many different languages are in the Philippines.
- Our holiday a lot of money because we stayed in an expensive hotel.
- Have you ever a very fast car?
- All the tickets for the concert were very quickly.
- A bird in through the open window while we were having our dinner.