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IRREGULAR VERBS

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Language Guide poradnik językowy

If you want to speak English, you cannot ask yourself whether you should learn irregular verbs or not, but rather answer the question of how you can learn them. The list of irregular verbs is long. Sometimes it is difficult to remember how each form should be pronounced. It is easy to confuse some of them, for example 'to lie' with 'to lay'. But, let's be honest, irregular verbs are indispensable. *English Matters* has decided to be of assistance in this matter. Study our newest guide and engross yourself in irregular verbs.

to learn sth | uczyć się
czegoś
irregular verb | czasownik
nieregularny
pronounced | wymawiany
to confuse sth with sth
| pomylić coś
z czymś

let's be honest | bądźmy
szczerzy
indispensable | niezbędny,
nieodzowny
in this matter | w tej kwestii
to engross oneself in sth
| dać się pochłonać czemuś,
zagłębić się w coś

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10 irregular verbs everyone needs to know

be bi – was/were wəz / wə(r) – been bi:n / bɪn

come kʌm – came keɪm – come kʌm

do də / du – did dɪd – done dʌn

get get – got ɡɒt – got ɡɒt

give ɡɪv – gave ɡeɪv – given 'ɡɪvn

go ɡəʊ – went went – gone ɡɒn

have həv – had həd – had həd

make meɪk – made meɪd – made meɪd

see si: – saw sɔ: – seen si:n

take teɪk – took tʊk – taken teɪkn

5 irregular verbs that are extremely useful

buy baɪ – bought bɔ:t – bought bɔ:t

know nəʊ – knew nju: – known nəʊn

meet mi:t – met met – met met

pay peɪ – paid peɪd – paid peɪd

think θɪŋk – thought θɔ:t – thought θɔ:t

Examples:

Thomas bought a new convertible.

We've known each other for ages.

I met Peter for the first time in a club.

I paid for my new dishwasher in instalments.

I never thought that I would be able to kill another person.



Irregular verbs with three identical forms

bet – bet – bet bet

burst – burst – burst bɜ:st

convertible | kabriolet

dishwasher | zmywarka

instalment | in'stɔ:lmənt | rata

to bet | zakładać się, obstawiać

to burst | wybuchać, pękać, wyskakiwać

cast – cast – cast kɑːst
 cost – cost – cost kɒst
 cut – cut – cut kʌt
 hit – hit – hit hɪt
 hurt – hurt – hurt hɜːt
 let – let – let let
 put – put – put pʊt
quit – quit – quit kwɪt
rid – rid – rid rɪd
 set – set – set set
shed – shed – shed ʃed
thrust – thrust – thrust θrʌst



Tricky irregular verbs

teach tɪːtʃ – taught tɔːt – taught tɔːt
 cost kɒst – cost kɒst – cost kɒst
 lead liːd – led led – led led
light laɪt – lit lɪt – lit lɪt
lend lend – lent lent – lent lent

Lie vs Lay

lie laɪ – lay leɪ – lain leɪn

to be in a flat position

During the terrorist attack, I lay on the floor pretending to be already dead.

lay leɪ – laid leɪd – laid leɪd

to cast sb | obsadzać kogoś (w roli)
 to quit sth | rzucać coś, rezygnować z czegoś
 to rid sth | eliminować coś, pozbywać się czegoś
 to shed sth | z/rzucać coś, pozbywać się czegoś, rozrzucać coś
 to thrust | popychać, naciskać
 to light sth | oświetlać coś
 to lend | pożyczać
 to lie | leżeć
 flat | płaski
 floor | podłoga
 to lay sth | położyć coś, kłaść coś

to put something down in a flat position

I laid the wedding dress on the bed and thought that I couldn't be happier.

Saw vs Sew vs Sow

saw sɔ: – sawed sɔ: d – sawn sɔ:n

to cut something by means of a saw

He sawed all the logs.

sew səʊ – sewed səʊd – sewn səʊn

to create clothes with the use of a needle and thread

All my suits were sewn by a tailor.

sow səʊ – sowed səʊd – sown səʊn

to plant seeds

The seeds shouldn't be sown in summer.



Fall vs Feel

fall fɔ:l – fell fel – fallen 'fɔ:lən

Mary tripped and fell onto the wet floor.

feel fi:l – felt felt – felt felt

Have you ever felt lonely?

5 irregular verbs which are difficult to pronounce

bring brɪŋ – brought brɔ:t – brought brɔ:t

draw drɔ: – drew dru: – drawn drɔ:n

to saw sth | piłować coś

saw sɔ: | piła

log | polano

to sew | szyć

needle | igła

thread | nić

tailor | krawiec

to sow | siać

to plant sth | sadzić coś

seed | nasiono

to trip | potknąć się

to draw sth | rysować coś

sing **sɪŋ** – sang **sæŋ** – sung **sʌŋ**
 swim **swɪm** – swam **swæm** – swum **swʌm**
 wind **waɪnd** – wound **wəʊnd** – wound **wəʊnd**

Examples:

I brought you an umbrella. It might be raining in the afternoon.

She drew a map of her neighbourhood.

During the contest, she sang a song by the Beatles.

I've never swum in the ocean.

The bandage was wound around his head.



5 irregular verbs that can refer to nature

blow **bləʊ** – blew **blu:** – blown **bləʊn**
 burst **bɜ:st** – burst **bɜ:st** – burst **bɜ:st**
 grow **grəʊ** – grew **gru:** – grown **grəʊn**
 rise **raɪz** – rose **rəʊz** – risen **'rɪz(ə)n**
 shine **ʃaɪn** – shone **ʃɒn** – shone **ʃɒn**

Examples:

The wind blew straight into my face.

The river burst its banks during the summer flood.

The trees had grown a lot since our last visit.

The sun rose into the sky.

The weather was impeccable. The sun shone high in the sky.

5 irregular verbs that can refer to household activities

drink **drɪŋk** – drank **dræŋk** – drunk **drʌŋk**
 eat **i:t** – ate **et** – eaten **'i:t(ə)n**
 feed **fi:d** – fed **fed** – fed **fed**

to wind sth | kręcić, nakręcać coś

neighbourhood | sąsiedztwo

contest | konkurs

burst its banks | wystąpić z brzegów, wylała

flood **flood** | powódź

impeccable | nienaganny, bez zarzutu, tu: idealny

grind graɪnd – ground graʊnd – ground graʊnd
sweep swi:p – swept sweɪpt – swept sweɪpt

Examples:

I've never drunk a shake like this before. What are the ingredients?

Mary has just had breakfast.

I fed the baby an hour ago. It should still be sleeping for another hour.

I love the smell of freshly ground coffee.

Take off your shoes, please. I've just swept the floor.

5 irregular verbs that can refer to accidents

break breɪk – broke brəʊk – broken 'brəʊkən

bleed bli:d – bled bled – bled bled

hit hɪt – hit hɪt – hit hɪt

sting stɪŋ – stung stʌŋ – stung stʌŋ

burn bɜ:n – burnt bɜ:nt – burnt bɜ:nt



Examples:

I broke my leg when I was skiing.

The wound bled for several more minutes.

Betty was hit by a moped while she was crossing the street.

The wasp stung her on the foot.

The house was completely burnt out. Everything was destroyed.

5 irregular verbs for advanced learners

leap li:p – leapt leɪpt – leapt leɪpt

to grind | mielić

to sweep | zmiatać

ingredient | składnik

to bleed | krwawić

to sting sb | u/kłuć, u/żądlić kogoś

several | kilka

moped | jednośląd

wasp wɒsp | osa

to leap | przeskoczyć, skakać

seek si:k – sought sɔ:t – sought sɔ:t

shrink ʃrɪŋk – shrank ʃræŋk – shrunk ʃrʌŋk

tear teə(r) – tore tɔ:(r) – torn tɔ:n

weep wi:p – wept wept – wept wept

Examples:

They leapt out through the bathroom window.

First of all, I sought the author's permission, and then when he agreed we published the poems.

The dress shrank after washing it in the washing machine.

I tore the pictures into pieces trying at the same time to wipe out all the painful memories.

She wept and wept and we couldn't do anything but be there with her.



to seek | szukać

to shrink | s/kurczyć się

to tear | po/drzeć

to weep | łkać

permission | pozwolenie, zezwolenie

poem | wiersz

to wipe out sth | wymazać coś

but | tu: oprócz

Exercises

Fill in the table with the missing forms of the verbs

hit		hit
tear	tore	
	fed	fed
sow		sown
	went	gone
grow	grew	
lay	laid	
think		thought

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs presented in the brackets

I and(weep) but no one
(hear) me. I was trapped in the middle of nowhere.

I(lay) your glasses on the night table.

Mary was(sting) by a hornet.

The room was (light) by a few candles.

The wound(bleed) for another two hours.

My 2-year-old son(draw) a cat for the first time in his life.

It literally (cost) a fortune. You can't say now that you don't like it.

My neighbour..... (feed) my dogs when I was away.

Irregular verb challenge. Calendar for one month of your choice

Fill in the gap with the missing form of the verb: tear – tore – 1	What is the difference between the verbs 'to lay' and 'to lie'? 2	List 3 irregular verbs that start with the letter 'b' 3	List 3 irregular verbs that can refer to nature 4	Build a sentence in Past Simple with the verb 'to draw' 5	List 3 forms of the verb 'to sew' 6	Fill in the gap with the missing form of the verb: bleed – – bled 7	List 5 verbs with identical past and present forms 8
What does the verb 'to weep' mean? What are its three forms? 9	What are the missing letters? teach – t.....ght – t.....ght 10	List three irregular verbs that start with the letter 'c' 11	List 3 forms of the verb 'to sting' 12	List 3 forms of the verb 'to fall' 13	Fill in the gap with the missing form of the verb: rise – rose – 14	Build a sentence in passive voice with the verb 'grind' 15	What is the difference between the verbs 'to sew' and 'to sow'? 16
List 3 irregular verbs that can refer to accidents 17	What is the missing verb? We've k..... each other for ages. 18	What are the three forms of the verb 'to hit'? 19	List 3 forms of the verb 'to light' 20	What is the missing verb? I've never s..... in the ocean. 21	List three forms of the verb 'to shrink' 22	Build a sentence in Present Perfect with the verb 'to seek' 23	Fill in the gap with the missing form of the verb: break – – broken 24
List three forms of the verb 'to eat' 25	What does the verb 'to quit' mean? What are its three forms? 26	What are the missing letters? blow – bl...w – bl.....n 27	List three forms of the verb 'to feed' 28	Build a question in Present Perfect with the verb 'to bring'? 29	List 3 irregular verbs with difficult pronunciation 30	What are the three forms of the verb 'to cost'? 31	

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