

Reading and writing in the **past**.

Can you write the past of these irregular verbs?

Infinitive	Past	Infinitive	Past
To be		To know	
To begin		To learn	
To break		To leave	
To buy		To make	
To come		To meet	
To do		To pay	
To drink		To put	
To drive		To read	
To eat		To run	
To fight		To see	
To find		To sell	
To fly		To sit	
To give		To sleep	
To go		To take	
To have		To tell	

Speaking (with your partner)

How many do you know?

Why do you think irregular verbs are difficult to remember in English?

When you speak in English, do you use the past? When?

Read this story. Underline all the verbs **in the past**.

The Lucky Passenger

One day Pablo was at home. He decided to visit his friend, Mark. He called Mark on the telephone but there was no answer. He put on his jacket and left the house. He took an umbrella because the sky was full of dark clouds. Pablo did not like Irish weather.

He walked to the bus stop and got on the bus. The bus was very crowded. He sat down beside an old lady. The old lady asked him what were his six lucky numbers between 1 and 36. Paul thought the old lady was a little crazy, but he told her the first six numbers that came into his head. He said, '6, 17, 20, 23, 25, and 35'. The old lady wrote them down, said 'thank you' and got off the bus. Pablo forgot about the old lady and went to Mark's house. He and Mark watched football and chatted about sport and work.

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How many verbs did you underline?

Put in the correct missing verb.

took asked chatted wrote called told was
was forgot walked played thought spoke put watched
left sat decided looked

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