

## Past Participles

A. Past participles come in two forms: regular and irregular. The regular forms end in *-ed* just like the past tense of verbs. The irregular forms can take on various forms.

Examples:	Base	Past	Past Participle
<b>Regular</b>	Want	Wanted	Wanted
<b>Irregular</b>	Take	Took	Taken

B. Past participles are used as adjective, in the passive voice, and with the perfect tenses.

Examples:

<b>Adjective</b>	The <b>broken</b> toy is on the floor.
<b>Passive</b>	The toy was <b>broken</b> by the child.
<b>Perfect tense</b>	The toy has been <b>broken</b> .

C. To learn these, write the base form on one side of an index card and the past participial form on the other side of the card. You can flip the cards yourself or have another student work with you.

D. Here are some irregular participles grouped by their sound:

<b>Beat</b>	<b>beaten</b>
<b>Bite</b>	<b>bitten</b>
<b>Drive</b>	<b>driven</b>
<b>Eat</b>	<b>eaten</b>
<b>Get</b>	<b>gotten</b>
<b>Shake</b>	<b>shaken</b>
<b>Speak</b>	<b>spoken</b>
<b>Take (mistake)</b>	<b>Taken (mistaken)</b>
<b>Write</b>	<b>written</b>
<b>Blow</b>	<b>blown</b>
<b>Draw</b>	<b>drawn</b>
<b>Fly</b>	<b>flown</b>
<b>Know</b>	<b>known</b>
<b>Sew</b>	<b>sewn</b>
<b>Swim</b>	<b>Swum</b>

<b>Throw</b>	<b>thrown</b>
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**E. Here are more irregular participles grouped by their sound:**

<b>Buy</b>	<b>bought</b>
<b>Catch</b>	<b>caught</b>
<b>Fight</b>	<b>fought</b>
<b>Seek</b>	<b>sought</b>
<b>Teach</b>	<b>taught</b>
<b>Think</b>	<b>thought</b>
<b>Bind</b>	<b>Bound</b>
<b>Find</b>	<b>Found</b>
<b>Grind</b>	<b>ground</b>
<b>Be</b>	<b>been</b>
<b>See</b>	<b>Seen</b>
<b>Do</b>	<b>done</b>
<b>Go</b>	<b>gone</b>
<b>Lose</b>	<b>lost</b>

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