

Phonetic Symbols

The consonant sounds of English are:

/p/	as in partner	/f/	as in food	/h/	as in has
/b/	as in but	/v/	as in voice	/m/	as in mat
/t/	as in two	/θ/	as in three	/n/	as in note
/d/	as in do	/ð/	as in this	/ŋ/	as in sing
/k/	as in car	/s/	as in sea	/l/	as in luck
/g/	as in go	/z/	as in zoo	/r/	as in red
/tʃ/	as in chin	/ʃ/	as in she	/j/	as in yes
/dʒ/	as in joke	/ʒ/	as in measure	/w/	as in will

The vowel sounds of English are:

long vowels	short vowels	diphthongs (2 vowels)
/i:/ as in eat	/ɪ/ as in it	/eɪ/ as in day
/ɑ:/ as in car	/e/ as in ten	/aɪ/ as in buy
/ɔ:/ as in more	/æ/ as in bat	/ɔɪ/ as in boy
/u:/ as in too	/ʌ/ as in much	/əʊ/ as in no
/ɜ:/ as in word	/ɒ/ as in not	/aʊ/ as in now
	/ʊ/ as in put	/ɪə/ as in ear
	/ə/ as in again	/eə/ as in there
	/i/ as in happy	/ʊə/ as in sure
triphthongs (3 vowels)		
/ɔɪə/ soya	/aɪə/ as in fire	/eɪə/ player
/ɔʊə/ flower	/aʊə/ flower	/əʊə/ mower

Pronunciation rules for final -ed and -s

Pronunciation rules for final -ed

- If an infinitive ends in -d or -t the final -ed is pronounced /ɪd/
- If an infinitive ends in a voiceless consonant (/p/, /s/, /k/, /f/, /ʃ/, /tʃ/, /θ/ or /θ/) the final -ed is pronounced /t/
- If an infinitive ends in a voiced consonant (/b/, /d/, /dʒ/, /ʒ/, /g/, /l/, /m/, /n/, /ŋ/, /r/, /v/, /z/, /ð/) or a vowel sound, the final -ed is pronounced /d/.

Pronunciation rules for final -s

- You pronounce the final -s as /ɪz/ if the word ends in one of the following sounds: /s/ E.g. miss - /z/ E.g. buzz - /ʃ/ E.g. washes - /tʃ/ watches /dʒ/ E.g. manages /ʒ/ garages
- If a word ends in any other voiceless consonant sounds (/k/, /f/, /p/, /θ/, /t/) you pronounce the final -s as /s/
- If a word ends in any other voiced consonant sound (/b/, /d/, /g/, /l/, /m/, /n/, /ŋ/, /r/, /t/ /v/) or a vowel sound, you pronounce the final -s as /z/.

Irregular verbs

List A: Irregular verbs with the same past simple and past participle forms.

Infinitive	Past simple	Past Participle
Awake	Awoke	Awoke
Bend	Bent	Bent
Bleed	Bled	Bled
Breed	Bred	Bred
Build	Built	Built
Burn	Burnt	Burnt
Buy	Bought	Bought
Catch	Caught	Caught
Cling	Clung	Clung
Creep	Crept	Crept
Deal	Dealt	Dealt
Dig	Dug	Dug
Dream	Dreamt	Dreamt
Dwell	Dwelt	Dwelt
Feed	Fed	Fed
Fight	Fought	Fought
Find	Found	Found
Flee	Fled	Fled
Fling	Flung	Flung

List B: Irregular verbs with different past simple and participle forms.

Infinitive	Past simple	Past Participle
Arise	Arose	Arisen
Bear	Bore	Born
Beat	Beat	Beaten
Befall	Befell	Befallen
Beget	Begot	Begotten
Begin	Began	Begun
Betake	Betook	Betaken
Bite	Bit	Bitten
Blow	Blew	Blown
Break	Broke	Broken
Choose	Chose	Chosen
Come	Came	Come
Do	Did	Done
Draw	Drew	Drawn
Drink	Drank	Drunk
Drive	Drove	Driven
Eat	Ate	Eaten
Fall	Fell	Fallen
Fly	Flew	Flown

Irregular verbs

List A

Infinitive	Past simple	Past Participle
Get	Got	Got
Grind	Ground	Ground
Hang	Hung	Hung
Hear	Heard	Heard
Hold	Held	Held
Keep	Kept	Kept
Kneel	Knelt	Knelt
Lay	Laid	Laid
Lead	Led	Led
Lean	Leant	Leant
Leap	Leapt	Leapt
Learn	Learnt	Learnt
Leave	Left	Left
Lend	Lent	Lent
Light	Lit	Lit
Lose	Lost	Lost
Make	Made	Made
Mean	Meant	Meant
Meet	Met	Met
Pay	Paid	Paid
Rend	Rent	Rent
Say	Said	Said
Seek	Sought	Sought
Sell	Sold	Sold
Send	Sent	Sent
Shine	Shone	Shone
Shoot	Shot	Shot
Sit	Sat	Sat
Sleep	Slept	Slept
Slide	Slid	Slid
Sling	Slung	Slung
Smell	Smelt	Smelt
Speed	Sped	Sped
Spell	Spelt	Spelt
Spend	Spent	Spent
Spill	Spilt	Spilt
Spoil	Spoilt	Spoilt
Stick	Stuck	Stuck
Strike	Struck	Struck
Teach	Taught	Taught
Tell	Told	Told
Think	Thought	Thought
Understand	Understood	Understood
Win	Won	Won

List B

Infinitive	Past simple	Past Participle
Forbid	Forbade	Forbidden
Forget	Forgot	Forgotten
forsake	forsook	forsaken
Freeze	Froze	Frozen
Give	Gave	Given
Go	Went	Gone
Grow	Grew	Grown
Hide	Hid	Hidden
Know	Knew	Known
Lie	Lay	Lain
Mistake	Mistook	Mistaken
Mow	Mowed	Mown
Outrun	Outran	Outrun
Partake	Partook	Partaken
Ride	Rode	Ridden
Ring	Rang	Rung
Rise	Rose	Risen
Run	Ran	Run
See	Saw	Seen
Shake	Shook	Shaken
Shrink	Shrank	Shrunk
Sing	Sang	Sung
Sink	Sank	Sunk
Slay	Slew	Slain
Smite	Smote	Smitten
Speak	Spoke	Spoken
Spring	Sprang	Sprung
Steal	Stole	Stolen
Stink	Stank/stunk	Stunk
Stride	Strode	Stridden
Swear	Swore	Sworn
Swim	Swam	Swum
Take	Took	Taken
Throw	Threw	Thrown
Thrive	Throve	Thriven
Tread	Trode	Trodden
Undergo	Underwent	Undergone
Undertake	Undertook	Undertaken
Wear	Wore	Worn
Weave	Wove	Woven
Withdraw	Withdrew	Withdrawn
Write	Wrote	Written