

Frequently Used Irregular Verbs:

Regular verbs add *ed* or *d* to the present tense form to form the past tense. Many verbs, however, form the past tense and the past participle irregularly. A writer, presenter, or job candidate can quickly appear unprepared and uneducated by choosing the wrong tense of frequently used irregular verbs, especially *begin*, *come*, *do*, and *see*. Saying these verb forms over and over, especially in the following pattern, can help you become comfortable with the standard, correct forms.

- I **do** the work.
- Yesterday I **did** the work.
- In the past I have **done** the work.

- I **see**.
- Yesterday I **saw**.
- In the past I have **seen**.

Present	Past	Past Participle
be (am, is are)	was, were	been
begin	began	begun
come	came	come
do	did	done
drive	drove	driven
eat	ate	eaten
fall	fell	fallen
get	got	gotten <i>or</i> got
go	went	gone
know	knew	known
ride	rode	ridden
run	ran	run
see	saw	seen
set (to place)	set	set
sit (to rest)	sat	sat
swim	swam	swum
take	took	taken
tear	tore	torn
throw	threw	thrown
write	wrote	written

Note: Past participles are preceded by helping verbs such as *have*, *has*, or *had* or a form of the verb *be* (*am*, *is*, *are*, *was*, *were*, *be*, *being*, *been*).