

What is a verb?

A verb is often said to be “a doing word”. However, one of the most common verbs in English is the verb “to be” – the same as être in French. A verb is also a “being” word. Je suis Français. I am French.

The verb “to be” present tense		Notice how the form of the verbs changes according to who is carrying them out , e.g.	The verb “to be” past tense	
I	Am		I	Was
You	Are	I am	You	Were
He	Is	You are	He	Was
She	Is		She	Was
It	Is		It	Was
The dog	Is	I was	The dog	Was
We	Are	You were	We	Was
Me and Peter	Are		Me and Peter	Were
They	Are		They	Were
David and Sue	Are		David and Sue	Were
The children	Are		The children	were

Other “being” verbs are appear, become, seem, feel, dream, have, etc.

In regular verbs in English in the present tense, the ending of the verb changes according to who is doing the action. If the action is in third person singular, the verb has an s on the end.

	Singular	Plural
First Person	I walk	We walk
Second Person	You walk	You walk
Third Person	He walks She walks It walks David walks Sarah walks The dog walks	They walk David and Sarah walk David, Sarah and the dog walk

Regular and irregular verbs

I begin	I began	I have begun	I had begun
I bit	I bit	I have bitten	I had bitten
I blow	I blew	I have blown	I had blown
I break	I broke	I have broken	I had broken
I bring	I brought	I have brought	I had brought
I catch	I caught	I have caught	I had caught
I choose	I chose	I have chosen	I had chosen
I come	I came	I have come	I had come
I creep	I crept	I have crept	I had crept
I dig	I dug	I have dug	I had dug
I do	I did	I have done	I had done
I draw	I drew	I have drawn	I had drawn
I dream	I dreamed/I dreamt	I have dreamed/I have dreamt	I had dreamed/I have dreamt
I drink	I drank	I have drunk	I had drunk
I drive	I drove	I have driven	I had driven
I eat	I ate	I have eaten	I had eaten
I fall	I fell	I have fallen	I had fallen
I feel	I felt	I have felt	I had felt
I find	I found	I have found	I had found
I fit	I fit/fitted	I have fit/fitted	I had fit/fitted
I fling	I flung	I have flung	I had flung
I fly	I flew	I have flown	I had flown
I forbid	I forbade	I have forbidden	I had forbidden
I forget	I forgot	I have forgotten	I had forgotten
I get	I got	I have got	I had got

Regular verbs

We add -d or -ed to regular verbs in order to form the past tense:

- I jump
- I jumped
- I have jumped

Irregular verbs

We don't add -d or -ed to these verbs when forming the past tense:

“have” or “had”

Simple past tense and the past tense that includes the word

More irregular verbs

I go	I went	I have gone	I had gone
I hurt	I hurt	I have hurt	I had hurt
I know	I knew	I have known	I had known
I lay	I laid	I have laid	I had laid
I lead	I led	I have led	I had led
I lend	I lent	I have lent	I had lent
I lie	I lay	I have lain	I had lain
I light	I lit/lighted	I have lit/lighted	I had lit/lighted
I lose	I lost	I have lost	I had lost
I pay	I paid	I have paid	I had paid
I ride	I rode	I have ridden	I had ridden
I rise	I rose	I have risen	I had risen
I run	I ran	I have run	I had run
I say	I said	I have said	I had said
I see	I saw	I have seen	I had seen
I set	I set	I have set	I had set
I shine	I shone	I have shone	I had shone
I shoot	I shot	I have shot	I had shot
I sing	I sang	I have sung	I had sung
I sit	I sat	I have sat	I had sat
I sleep	I slept	I have slept	I had slept
I steal	I stole	I have stolen	I had stolen
I sting	I stung	I have stung	I had stung
I swim	I swam	I have swum	I had swum
I tear	I tore	I have torn	I had torn
I throw	I threw	I have thrown	I had thrown
I wear	I wore	I have worn	I had worn
I win	I win	I have won	I had won
I write	I wrote	I have written	I had written