

Form and use the past tense of frequently occurring irregular verbs.

Writing about the Past Activity

Play a game called Changing Word with your students.

Tell students that some words change their spelling to tell about the past. For example, write go on the board and say, “I go in the car.” Then write went beside the word go and say, “Yesterday I went in the car.”

Continue with the following word pairs until students can supply the changed word independently.

come, came

find, found

get, got

sit, sat

take, took

have, had

run, ran

Irregular Verbs Worksheets



Verbs That Change

Irregular verbs change spelling when they tell what happened in the past.



Match each verb with one that shows it happened in the past.



Now

slide
stings
sit
rides

In the Past

rode
stung
slid
sat



Finish these sentences with the verb that tells what happened in the past.

Today the mice slide down the giraffe's neck.

Last week the mice slid down the giraffe's neck.

Today the bee stings the gorilla.

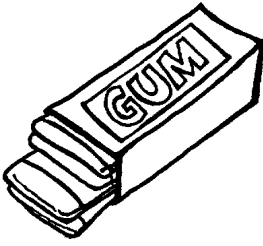
Yesterday the bee _____ the gorilla.

Today the frogs sit on the whale.

Last year the frogs _____ on the whale.

Today the elephant rides in a little red wagon.

Last month the elephant _____ in a little red wagon.



Verbs That Change

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Circle the verb in each sentence that tells what happened in the past.

The Gum-chewing Puppy

Apples the puppy used to like bubble gum.

He (find, found) a pack of gum under the bed.

He (ate, eat) the paper! Yuck!

Then he (take, took) a big bite of the gum!

It (stick, stuck) to his teeth.

He (bit, bite) harder. Now it was on his face.

Rolling around only (made, make) it worse.

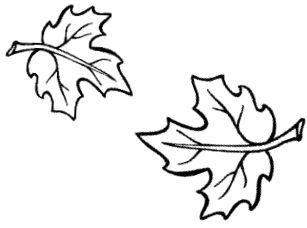
He (got, get) gum all over his fur.

Apples (know, knew) that a bath was coming.

He (hid, hide) under the bed.

Apples doesn't like gum anymore!





Verb Blurb

Irregular verbs change spelling when they tell what happened in the past.



Look at the list of verbs in the box above each poem. The verbs are in the poem again, but they have changed so that they happen in the past. Circle the irregular verbs in the poems.

makes runs draws chooses ~~know~~

I knew a girl who loved pink.
She always chose pink ink.
She made a pink rose.
She drew pink crows.
Then she ran out of pink ink.

eats sings sits see swims

I saw a cute little frog.
He ate just like a hog.
He sat all day long
And sang me a song.
Then he swam under a log.

blows hang fall fly

The leaves hung on the tree.
The wind blew the leaves free.
They flew all around,
Then fell to the ground.
A big pile of leaves for me!



Make a Silly Sentence

Irregular verbs change spelling when they tell what happened in the past.



Cut out the ends of the sentences below and paste them where they fit. Be sure to match the sentence parts so they tell about now or in the past.

1. Yesterday the purple lizard

2. Now the pink shoe

3. Last week the poky fish

4. Right now the dancing book

5. Last year the talking parrot

6. Today the slimy snail



Ends of Sentences

Now

In the Past



teaches the worm to sing.

taught the camel to bungee jump.

flies past the plane.

flew by the building.

blows up 500 balloons.

blew down the stop sign.