

Activity Type

Spelling and speaking activity, pairwork

Language Focus

Irregular verb forms

Aim

To write irregular verbs in their past simple or past participle form and make sentences with the verbs.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each pair of students per round you wish to play.

Level

Pre-intermediate

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this fun irregular verbs game, students write irregular verbs in their past simple or past participle form and make sentences with the verbs.

Procedure

Divide the students into pairs.

Give each pair a copy of the worksheet.

Each student should have a different coloured pen from their partner.

Tell the students which irregular verb form they are going to practice, i.e. past simple (V2) or past participle (V3).

Also, inform the students which tense the sentences should be in, so either the past simple (V2) or present perfect, past perfect, future perfect, third conditional or passive voice (V3).

Next, students take it in turns to choose a base form irregular verb from the chart.

The student then writes the past simple or past participle form of the irregular verb under the word and makes a sentence with the irregular verb in the chosen tense.

The aim of the game is for the students to get four squares in a row, either horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, while at the same time trying to stop their partner from getting four in a row.

When a student gets four squares in a row, check their answers.

If all the irregular verbs are spelt correctly and the sentences are appropriate, the student scores a point.

If any of their answers are incorrect, the point is awarded to the other student.

Students play several rounds.

You can use a new worksheet each time or the same worksheet. If you use the same worksheet, make sure the students write in pencil.

The student with the most points at the end of the game is the winner.

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| feel | sleep | fly | come | dream |
| do | eat | have | stand | leave |
| sing | find | bring | think | take |
| teach | wear | see | write | break |
| give | meet | catch | buy | make |
| lose | run | fall | speak | keep |
| drink | win | build | send | go |
| fight | hear | choose | drive | feed |
| grow | shoot | bite | hide | hold |