Activity Type
Reading, writing, matching and speaking activity

Language Focus
Irregular verbs
Past simple
Present simple

Aim
To learn and practice 10 common irregular verbs in the past and present tense.

Preparation
Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

Level
Elementary

Time
25 minutes

Introduction
This irregular verbs worksheet helps students to learn and practice 10 common irregular verbs in the past and present tense.

Procedure
Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

Students begin with a categorising and matching exercise where they organise irregular verbs into present and past tense forms and then match the corresponding forms of each verb.

When the students have finished, go through the answers with the class.

Exercises A and B - Answer key
build - built  come - came  drink - drank  eat - ate
find - found  have - had  leave - left  meet - met
take - took  write - wrote

Students then move on to do a gap-fill exercise where they complete sentences with the verbs.

Exercise C - Answer key
1. The staff **came** to the office early yesterday. At the office, they **drank** coffee and **wrote** emails.
2. I'm hungry. I'd like to **eat** before we **build** a sandcastle.
3. He **took** my laptop without asking and didn't **write** a note to tell me.
4. We **had** a great time! We **met** our group members, and then we **built** a robot together.
5. I **found** these glasses on that bench. Did you **leave** them there?
6. Katie **ate** a big piece of cake. She didn't **drink** any soda. She **left** without saying goodbye.
7. Can I **come** to your party? I want to **meet** your friends.
8. The couple wants to **find** a nice outdoor place to **have** their wedding where they can **take** beautiful photos.

After that, students answer ten past simple questions using the ten verbs, writing their answers in sentence form. When they have finished, check their answers as a class.

Finally, students create three questions of their own using the irregular verbs from the worksheet and then ask and answer the questions with a partner.
A. Put the irregular verbs in the correct column. There are 10 present tense irregular verbs and 10 past tense irregular verbs.

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B. Now, draw lines between the present tense and past tense forms of each verb.

C. Complete the sentences below with the verbs from the box. Use each verb once.

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D. Write answers to the following questions in sentence form.

Example: What did you **eat** for breakfast?

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1. Who did you **meet** yesterday?

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2. How did you **come** to school today?

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3. How many glasses of water did you **drink** yesterday?

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4. What time did you **leave** your home today?

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5. What did you **find** in your fridge when you last opened it?

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6. When did you last have a **hair cut**?

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7. What did you **take** with you when you left your home yesterday?

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8. When did you last **build** a sandcastle at the beach?

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9. Who did you **write** an email to recently?

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10. What did you **eat** for dinner yesterday?

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E. Create three questions of your own using the irregular verbs from the worksheet. Then, ask and answer the questions with a partner.

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