

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.

		Present tense	Past tense
meet	found	_____	_____
wrote	eat	_____	_____
take	built	_____	_____
ate	come	_____	_____
build	leave	_____	_____
left	drank	_____	_____
have	met	_____	_____
came	took	_____	_____
drink	find	_____	_____
had	write	_____	_____

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.

have took leave build came ate met drink found write
 drank meet eat come built take wrote find had left

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

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

..... *I ate cereal for breakfast.*

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.

1.

2.

3.