

Activity Type

Listening and speaking activity, group work

Language Focus

Irregular verb forms

Past simple

Aim

To change base form irregular verbs into their past simple form and then make a past simple sentence with each verb.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards for each group of three or four and cut as indicated.

Level

Pre-intermediate

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this rewarding irregular verbs game, students change base form irregular verbs into their past simple form and then make a past simple sentence with each verb.

Procedure

Split the class into groups of three or four.

Give each group a set of cards. Ask the students to shuffle the cards and place them face down in a pile on the table.

Students take it in turns to pick up a card.

The student then changes the base form irregular verb on the card into its past simple form and makes a past simple sentence with the verb.

The other group members listen to the sentence and judge whether it's acceptable or not.

If it is, the student writes their name on the card in the space provided and puts the card into a separate pile.

If the sentence is grammatically incorrect or doesn't make sense, the card is placed at the bottom of the pile.

Then, the next student picks up a card and so on.

When all the cards have been completed, the students count up the cards with their name on.

The student with the most cards wins the game.



..... awake	..... beat	..... blow	..... bring
..... buy	..... break	..... catch	..... choose
..... drive	..... fall	..... feed	..... feel
..... forgive	..... forsake	..... give	..... hear
..... hide	..... keep	..... know	..... learn
..... lose	..... mistake	..... make	..... overtake
..... pay	..... rise	..... seek	..... speed
..... teach	..... think	..... throw	..... wake