



INTERMEDIATE LIST > EASY-TO-MEMORIZE

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**1. Common Anomalies:**

Base Form	Past	Past Participle	Definition
can	could	-----	used to indicate ability, permission
may	might	-----	to be allowed to
shall	should	-----	indicates future tense, first person
will	would	-----	used to indicate future tense
must	-----	-----	to be obliged, compelled, required
ought	-----	-----	indicates obligation, desirability
be	was/were	been	to exist, occur

**2. Infinitive, Past and Past Participle are the same:**

let	let	let	to allow, permit; to rent
set	set	set	to put in a specific position
shed	shed	shed	to diffuse, radiate
spread	spread	spread	to distribute over a surface, extend

put	put	put	to set or place in a specific location
cut	cut	cut	to sever with a sharp edge
shut	shut	shut	to close

hit	hit	hit	to strike, to give a blow
split	split	split	to divide

hurt	hurt	hurt	to damage, injure or cause pain
cost	cost	cost	to be the price of something

**3. Infinitive, Past and Past Participle are the same, as in Category 2, but the Past and Past Participle also have a regular form:**

bet	bet/betted	bet/betted	to stake an amount in a wager
sweat	sweat/sweated	sweat/sweated	to perspire
shred	shred/shredded	shred/shredded	to cut or tear into thin strips

fit	fit/fitted	fit/fitted	to be the proper size and shape
knit	knit/knitted	knit/knitted	to make fabric by interweaving yarn
quit	quit/quitted	quit/quitted	to give up, abandon, relinquish

bust	bust/busted	bust/busted	to break, smash
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**4. Infinitive is different, Past and Past Participle are the same:**

bend	bent	bent	to curve or give an angular shape
lend	lent	lent	to give something to be returned
send	sent	sent	to cause to be transported
spend	spent	spent	to use up money
mean	meant	meant	to signify, represent; to intend

bleed	bled	bled	to emit blood
breed	bred	bred	to produce offspring, engender
feed	fed	fed	to provide food
flee	fled	fled	to run away
lead	led	led	to guide or direct, command
read	read	read	to grasp written material

creep	crept	crept	to move close to the ground
keep	kept	kept	to maintain possession of
sleep	slept	slept	to rest in a semi-unconscious state
sweep	swept	swept	to get rid of dirt with a broom
weep	wept	wept	to shed tears, grieve

leave	left	left	to depart; to allow to remain
meet	met	met	to come together; to be introduced



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**4. Infinitive is different, Past and Past Participle are the same (continued):**

feel	felt	felt	to perceive sensations	
deal	dealt	dealt	to distribute, have transactions	

make	made	made	to create, construct; to compel	<i>Pre-</i>
pay	paid	paid	to give money in exchange	<i>Pre-</i>
say	said	said	to express verbally	

bring	brought	brought	to carry from one place to another	
buy	bought	bought	to acquire in exchange for money	
fight	fought	fought	to contend with by word or force	
think	thought	thought	to reason about, consider, believe	<i>Pre-</i>
catch	caught	caught	to capture, seize, grab	
teach	taught	taught	to impart knowledge, instruct	

lose	lost	lost	to fail to win or keep possession of	
shoot	shot	shot	to fire a projectile	

sell	sold	sold	to give in exchange for money	<i>Pre-</i>
tell	told	told	to give an account, narrate	<i>Pre-</i>

find	found	found	to come upon by search or accident	
grind	ground	ground	to turn into powder by friction	
wind	wound	wound	to wrap or encircle with coils	<i>Pre-</i>

dig	dug	dug	to remove earth as with a shovel	
hang	hung	hung	to suspend from above	
sting	stung	stung	to pierce with something sharp	
swing	swung	swung	to move like a pendulum	
win	won	won	to achieve victory or success	

have	had	had	to possess, contain	
sit	sat	sat	to rest on one's hindquarters	<i>Pre-</i>

build	built	built	to construct	<i>Pre-</i>
hear	heard	heard	to perceive sound	<i>Pre-</i>
hold	held	held	to keep by grasping	<i>Pre-</i>
stand	stood	stood	to assume an upright position	<i>Pre-</i>

**5. Infinitive is different, Past and Past Participle are the same, as in Category 4, but the Past and Past Participle also have a regular form:**

burn	burnt/burned	burnt/burned	to harm, damage or destroy by fire	
learn	learnt/learned	learnt/learned	to obtain knowledge or ability	

blend	blent/blended	blent/blended	to mix, combine	
dream	dreamt/dreamed	dreamt/dreamed	to see images while sleeping	
lean	leant/leaned	leant/leaned	to incline or cause to incline	
leap	leapt/leaped	leapt/leaped	to jump	

dwell	dwelt/dwelled	dwelt/dwelled	to live, reside in a given place	
kneel	knelt/kneeled	knelt/kneeled	to get down on one's knees	
spell	spelt/spelled	spelt/spelled	to say or write the letters of	<i>Pre-</i>
spill	spilt/spilled	spilt/spilled	to run or let run out of a container	
spoil	spoilt/spoiled	spoilt/spoiled	to damage the quality of	

plead	pled/pleaded	pled/pleaded	to appeal earnestly; beg	
speed	sped/speeded	sped/speeded	to move quickly	

sneak	snuck/sneaked	snuck/sneaked	to move in a stealthy manner	
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**6. Infinitive is different, Past and Past Participle are the same, as in Category 4, but the Past Participle has an additional irregular form:**

bite	bit	bit/ bitten	to cut, tear or grab with the teeth	
hide	hid	hid/hidden	to put and keep out of sight	
slide	slid	slid/slidden	to move smoothly over a surface	
get	got	got/gotten	to obtain, acquire, purchase	<i>Pre-</i>
strike	struck	struck/stricken	to hit with force	

**7. Infinitive, Past and Past Participle are different:**

begin	began	begun	to commence, start, initiate	
drink	drank	drunk	to ingest liquid	
ring	rang	rung	to produce a resonant sound	
swim	swam	swum	to propel oneself through water	

drive	drove	driven	to guide, control a vehicle	
ride	rode	ridden	to be carried by a vehicle or animal	<i>Pre-</i>
rise	rose	risen	to increase; to stand	<i>Pre-</i>
write	wrote	written	to trace letters, words on a surface	<i>Pre-</i>

break	broke	broken	to smash or separate into pieces	
choose	chose	chosen	to select, pick out	
freeze	froze	frozen	to go from liquid to solid due to cold	
speak	spoke	spoken	to utter words, to talk	
steal	stole	stolen	to illicitly take property from another	
weave	wove	woven	to make cloth by interlacing threads	

fly	flew	flown	to move through the air like a bird	
blow	blew	blown	to produce an air current	
grow	grew	grown	to increase in size; to raise	
know	knew	known	to mentally perceive with certainty	
throw	threw	thrown	to toss, hurl, propel with the arm	<i>Pre-</i>
draw	drew	drawn	to depict as with a pencil; to pull	<i>Pre-</i>

shake	shook	shaken	to rapidly move to and fro	
take	took	taken	to gain possession, seize	<i>Pre-</i>

tear	tore	torn	to pull apart, rip	
swear	swore	sworn	to declare as true; to curse	
wear	wore	worn	to have on as covering or protection	

give	gave	given	to make a gift or donation	<i>Pre-</i>
fall	fell	fallen	to drop, descend by force of gravity	
eat	ate	eaten	to consume food	

do	did	done	to perform, execute, produce	<i>Pre-</i>
go	went	gone	to move from one place to another	<i>Pre-</i>
lie	lay	lain	to be or place in a flat position	
see	saw	seen	to visually perceive	<i>Pre-</i>

**8. Past is different, Infinitive and Past Participle are the same:**

come	came	come	to approach, advance, arrive	<i>Pre-</i>
run	ran	run	to move swiftly on foot	

**9. Past is regular, Past Participle has an irregular and a regular form:**

mow	mowed	mown/mowed	to cut grass or grain	
show	showed	shown/showed	to display, cause to be seen	
sew	sewed	sewn/sewed	to fasten or repair with stitches	

prove	proved	proven/proved	to establish the truth with evidence	
shave	shaved	shaven/shaved	to remove hair with a razor	

saw	sawed	sawn/sawed	to cut with a saw	
swell	swelled	swollen/swelled	to expand from internal pressure	

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## 10. Past has two Irregular Forms, Past Participle has only one:

sing	sang/sung	sung	to utter words with melody	
sink	sank/sunk	sunk	to descend, typically in water	
spring	sprang/sprung	sprung	to jump, leap	
stink	stank/stunk	stunk	to emit a strong offensive odor	
shrink	shrank/shrunk	shrunk/shrunken*	to become reduced or constricted	

\*Due to the fact that *shrink* follows the same pronunciation pattern as *sink*, *spring* and *stink*, it is included in this category even though it has an additional Past Participle: *shrunken*.

## 11. Verbs that belong to no other category:

beat	beat	beat/beaten	to strike repeatedly, punish, defeat	
dive	dove/dived	dived	to jump head first into water	
wake	woke/waked	woken/waked	to stop sleeping	Pre-

## INTERMEDIATE LIST > CORRESPONDING PREFIXED VERBS

### build

rebuild	rebuilt	rebuilt	to build again
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### come

become	became	become	to grow or come to be
overcome	overcame	overcome	to surmount, defeat

### do

outdo	outdid	outdone	to do more than, surpass
overdo	overdid	overdone	to do in excess, go too far
undo	undid	undone	to disassemble, untie

### draw

withdraw	withdrew	withdrawn	to take back, remove
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### feed

breastfeed	breastfed	breastfed	to feed with mother's milk
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### get

forget	forgot	forgotten	to not remember
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### give

forgive	forgave	forgiven	to pardon for an offense
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### go

forgo	forwent	forgone	to relinquish, do without
undergo	underwent	undergone	to experience, suffer

### hear

overhear	overheard	overheard	to hear extrinsically
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### hold

behold	beheld	beheld	to see, look upon, gaze at
uphold	upheld	upheld	to maintain, affirm
withhold	withheld	withheld	to refrain from giving

### lead

mislead	misled	misled	to lead wrong
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### make

remake	remade	remade	to make again
unmake	unmade	unmade	to undo, destroy, depose

### pay

repay	repaid	repaid	to pay back
underpay	underpaid	underpaid	to pay insufficiently

### read

reread	reread	reread	to read again
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**ride**

override	overrode	overridden	to disregard or annul
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**rise**

arise	arose	arisen	to get up, awake; to result
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**see**

foresee	foresaw	foreseen	to know, see in advance
oversee	oversaw	overseen	to supervise

**sell**

resell	resold	resold	to sell again
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**send**

resend	resent	resent	to send again
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**set**

preset	preset	preset	to set beforehand
reset	reset	reset	to set again
upset	upset	upset	to turn over; to disturb

**sit**

resit	resat	resat	to retake an exam
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**sleep**

oversleep	overslept	overslept	to sleep too much
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**spell**

misspell	misspelt/misspelled	misspelt/misspelled	to spell incorrectly
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**spend**

overspend	overspent	overspent	to spend in excess
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**stand**

misunderstand	misunderstood	misunderstood	to understand incorrectly
understand	understood	understood	to comprehend, know
withstand	withstood	withstood	to successfully oppose

**take**

mistake	mistook	mistaken	to identify incorrectly
overtake	overtook	overtaken	to catch up and pass
undertake	undertook	undertaken	to commit oneself to a task

**tell**

foretell	foretold	foretold	to predict, tell beforehand
retell	retold	retold	to tell again

**think**

rethink	rethought	rethought	to reconsider
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**throw**

overthrow	overthrew	overthrown	to bring down a ruler
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**wake**

awake	awoke/awaked	awoken/awaked	to wake up, become alert
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**wind**

rewind	rewound	rewound	to reverse a winding
unwind	unwound	unwound	to undo a winding

**write**

rewrite	rewrote	rewritten	to revise, write again
underwrite	underwrote	underwritten	to insure against losses

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