

First step

A. Correct the errors in these sentences.

1. **The box of gifts** are on the table.
2. **They** is right and we must listen to them.
3. **My aunt and cousin** is coming home today.
4. **Either Naina or Divya** are staying home tonight.
5. **The herd of elephants** eat a huge heap of grass every day.



In the sentences you just corrected, the highlighted words are subjects and the underlined words are verbs. In a sentence, the subject and the verb must match or agree with each other.

As you have learnt in earlier classes, verbs are action words. We modify verbs based on the number and tense. You have seen examples of how the number (singular or plural) changes the verbs. Now read these sentences.

- The girl **visits** her grandmother in Bhopal every year. (simple present tense)
The children **visited** their grandmother in Bhopal last year. (simple past tense)
- I **eat** fruit every day. (simple present tense)
I **ate** fruit with honey last night. (simple past tense)



In the first set of sentences, the verb **visit** forms its simple past tense and present perfect tense by adding **-ed**. Such verbs are known as **regular verbs**.

In the second set of sentences, the verb **eat** changes forms as per the tense—**eat—ate—eaten**. Such verbs are known as **irregular verbs**.

Look at these tables to see the present, past, and past participle forms of some commonly used irregular verbs.

In some irregular verbs, two forms are the same.

| Base verb | Past tense | Past participle |
|-----------|------------|-----------------|
| beat | beat | beaten |
| bring | brought | brought |

A past participle is a participle that expresses an action that has been completed. For example,

- We **built** a sandcastle yesterday.

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|-------|----------------|----------------|
| build | built | built |
| burn | burnt/burned | burnt/burned |
| learn | learnt/learned | learnt/learned |
| buy | bought | bought |
| catch | caught | caught |
| come | came | come |
| dream | dreamt/dreamed | dreamt/dreamed |
| fight | fought | fought |
| pay | paid | paid |
| send | sent | sent |
| feed | fed | fed |
| make | made | made |
| spell | spelt/spelled | spelt/spelled |
| spoil | spoilt/spoiled | spoilt/spoiled |
| swing | swung | swung |
| stick | stuck | stuck |
| teach | taught | taught |

In some irregular verbs, all three forms are different.

| Base verb | Past tense | Past participle |
|-----------|------------|-----------------|
| be | was/were | been |
| begin | began | begun |
| bite | bit | bitten |
| eat | ate | eaten |
| go | went | gone |
| fly | flew | flown |
| sing | sang | sung |
| throw | threw | thrown |
| swim | swam | swum |
| sink | sank | sunk |
| show | showed | shown |
| take | took | taken |

There are also some irregular verbs that remain the same in the simple present, simple past, and past participle forms. Look at a few of them below.

| Simple present | Simple past | Past participle |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| cut | cut | cut |
| put | put | put |
| hit | hit | hit |
| hurt | hurt | hurt |
| let | let | let |
| shut | shut | shut |
| bet | bet | bet |

B. Now fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs given in brackets.

- I have _____ (read) this book.
- I _____ (read) this book last night.
- We _____ (eat) mushrooms last night.
- Lily _____ (hurt) her foot an hour ago.
- Lily had _____ (hurt) her foot playing basketball last week.
- Shailesh _____ (walk) home last week.
- Shailesh has _____ (walk) this distance a few times before.



Transitive