ALL ENGLISH IRREGULAR VERBS

FORMS, MEANINGS, EXAMPLES

FREE PREVIEW

LEARZING



ABIDE

Past / Past Participle: abode (or abided) / abiden

Meaning 1: To stay or live somewhere.

Example: He abode in a small Scottish village for ten days.

Meaning 2: To put up with; tolerate; stand.

Example: I can't abide people with no sense of humor.

Meaning 3: To accept without objection.

Example: I will abide your decision.

ARISE

Past / Past Participle: arose / arisen

Meaning 1: To happen; to start to exist.

Example: A new crisis has arisen.

Example: If any questions arise during the lecture, don't hesitate to ask them.

Meaning 2: To wake up; to get out of bed.

Example: We arose early on Saturday morning.

Meaning 3: To get up from sitting, lying, or kneeling.

Example: He arose from his chair when she entered the room.

AWAKE

Past / Past Participle: awoke / awoken

Meaning: To stop sleeping, to wake from sleep.

Example: I awoke in the middle of the night when I heard that noise.

Example: I could feel my body beginning to awake, regaining warmth.

B

BACKSLIDE

Past / Past Participle: backslid / backslid (or backslidden)

Meaning: To start doing the bad things, that you used to do.

Example: My diet was going well, but I've backslid a little recently.

Example: Many of the patients backslide into drug and alcohol abuse.

BEAR

Past / Past Participle: bore / born

Meaning 1: To tolerate something, usually something that you dislike.

Example: He can't bear his noisy coworker anymore.

Example: Tell me now! I can't bear the suspense!

Meaning 2: To hold or support something.

Example: The chair, too fragile to bear her weight, collapsed.

Meaning 3: To give birth to a child.

Example: She bore him three sons.

BEAT

Past / Past Participle: beat / beaten

Meaning: To strike violently and repeatedly.

Example: My neighbor beats his wife every night. He should be arrested.

Example: I felt sick when I heard about the prisoners being beaten.

BECOME

Past / Past Participle: became / become

Meaning: To start to be.

Example: My son wants to become a police officer when he grows up.

Example: He started his working life as an engineer but later became a teacher.

BEGIN

Past / Past Participle: began / begun

Meaning 1: To start to happen or exist.

Example: The alphabet begins with the letter "A".

Example: The plane began to make its final descent into the airport.

Meaning 2: To start to do something.

Example: Jane has just begun learning to drive.

Example: She cleared her throat nervously before she began to speak.

BEND

Past / Past Participle: bent / bent

Meaning: To incline the body downwards from the vertical.

Example: I bent down and picked up the coin lying on the road.

Example: Now, bend over and touch your toes!

BET

Past / Past Participle: bet / bet

Meaning: To risk money to spend on the result of an event or a competition.

Example: One of the gamblers had bet a large sum at the blackjack table, and lost it all.

Example: He regularly goes to the races and bets heavily.

BID

Past / Past Participle: bid / bid

Meaning: To offer a price for something, especially at an auction.

Example: At the auction, James bid \$5,000 for the painting.

Example: Two people were bidding against each other for the mirror.

BIND

Past / Past Participle: bound / bound

Meaning 1: To tie or wrap something with rope, string, etc.

Example: You can use this ribbon to bind the box.

Example: They bound his hands with a rope.

Meaning 2: To unite people.

Example: The things that bind them together are greater than their differences.

Example: The troubles they had shared bound them much closer together.

BITE

Past / Past Participle: bit / bitten

Meaning: To cut, wound, or tear with the teeth.

Example: My neighbor's dog bit Bobby the other day.

Example: We were bitten by mosquitoes almost every night.

BLEED

Past / Past Participle: bled / bled

Meaning: To lose blood from the body as a result of injury or illness.

Example: Tom cut his finger and it's bleeding pretty badly.

Example: Tragically, she bled to death.

BLOW

Past / Past Participle: blew / blown

Meaning 1: To create a burst or puff of air.

Example: Billy blew the candles of his birthday cake.

Example: If your soup's too hot, blow on it.

Meaning 2: To cause something to be destroyed by a bomb, technical failure, etc.

Example: The light bulb in the projector had blown.

Example: The rear tire blew out.

BREAK

Past / Past Participle: broke / broken

Meaning 1: To separate into two or more pieces, or to stop working by being damaged.

Example: The kid fell off the skateboard and broke his arm.

Example: I had to break a window to get into the house.

Meaning 2: To interrupt or to stop something for a short period.

Example: Why don't we break now and meet again tomorrow?

Example: The phone rang, breaking my concentration.

BREED

Past / Past Participle: bred / bred

Meaning: To keep animals for the purpose or producing young animals.

Example: He has a ranch in Mexico where he breeds horses.

Example: These dogs were originally bred in Scotland to round up sheep.

BRING

Past / Past Participle: brought / brought

Meaning 1: To take or carry someone or something to a place or a person.

Example: My dog brought me the newspaper this morning.

Example: Is it okay if I bring some friends to the party?

Meaning 2: To cause, result in, or produce a state or condition.

Example: Her scream brought the police.

Example: Bring the water to the boil (= make it start boiling).

BROADCAST

Past / Past Participle: broadcast (or broadcasted) / broadcast (or broadcasted)

Meaning 1: To send out a program on television or on radio.

Example: The football match will be broadcast in the evening.

Example: The interview was broadcast live across Europe.

Meaning 2: To tell people something, especially something that you wanted to be a secret.

Example: You don't have to broadcast my news to the whole world!

BROWBEAT

Past / Past Participle: browbeat / browbeaten

Meaning: To force someone to do something by threatening them.

Example: Don't be browbeaten into working more than you want.

Example: Stop browbeating the kids!