

## Frequently Used Irregular Verbs:

Regular verbs add *ed* or *d* to the present tense form to form the past tense. Many verbs, however, form the past tense and the past participle irregularly. A writer, presenter, or job candidate can quickly appear unprepared and uneducated by choosing the wrong tense of frequently used irregular verbs, especially *begin*, *come*, *do*, and *see*. Saying these verb forms over and over, especially in the following pattern, can help you become comfortable with the standard, correct forms.

I **do** the work.  
Yesterday I **did** the work.  
In the past I have **done** the work.

I **see**.  
Yesterday I **saw**.  
In the past I have **seen**.

Present	Past	Past Participle	Note: Past participles are preceded by helping verbs such as <i>have</i> , <i>has</i> , or <i>had</i> or a form of the verb <i>be</i> ( <i>am</i> , <i>is</i> , <i>are</i> , <i>was</i> , <i>were</i> , <i>be</i> , <i>being</i> , <i>been</i> ).
be (am, is are)	was, were	been	
begin	began	begun	
come	came	come	
do	did	done	
drive	drove	driven	
eat	ate	eaten	
fall	fell	fallen	
get	got	gotten <i>or</i> got	
go	went	gone	
know	knew	known	
ride	rode	ridden	
run	ran	run	
see	saw	seen	
set (to place)	set	set	
sit (to rest)	sat	sat	
swim	swam	swum	
take	took	taken	
tear	tore	torn	
throw	threw	thrown	
write	wrote	written	