

## Irregular verbs

Example: The irregular verbs don't have rules, for that reason you have to learn.

Present	past	participle
Speak	Spoke	Spoken
Drink	Drank	Drunk
Hold	Held	Held
leave	left	left

Write the past form of the verbs in brackets

Mary lived in Paris ten years ago (live)

She worked as a teacher there. (work)

Her flat was near the Sacre Coeur. (be)

She could see the tower Eiffel from her window (can)

Her flatmate <sup>was</sup> (be) Antonio. He was (be) a painter

Her painted (paint) beautiful portraits

Mary had (have) a small green car. She (drive) her car to work every day but she her bike on Sundays (ride). rode

~~Marie~~ ~~Marie~~

Mary ate Crepes every day. (eat) They were delicious! (be) She sometimes drank (drink) some red wine. She didn't eat (not eat) scargo. Mary didn't like (not like) snails.

Her best friend Anette lived (live) in Versailles. Mary sometimes visited (visit) her.

They played (play) tennis or went (go) on picnics. On rainy days they played (play) cards or watched (watch) a film.

### Regular

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live - lived

be - was/were

work - worked

can - could

paint - painted

have - had

visit - visited

drive - drove

play - played

ride - rode

watch - watched

eat - ate

drink - drank

not eat - didn't eat

not like - didn't like

go - went

## Aren't firefighters cool?

Yesterday I ~~was~~ playing videogames in my room when I ~~heard~~ people screaming. I ~~went out~~ and ~~saw~~ my neighbors house ~~was~~ on fire!

In less than 10 minutes the firemen ~~arrived~~ and ~~fought~~ against the fire for one hour until they ~~made~~ it. Wow! They are really brave! One of them ~~entered~~ the house and ~~saved~~ the Johnson's dog that ~~was~~ ~~trapped~~ in the fire.

I ~~made~~ a decision: I want to be a fireman when I grow up. I'll ~~save~~ people's lives and property. I can't wait! I can already see it in the newspaper: "Brave fireman rescues a family of four", mom will be really proud.

Mark true (T) or false (F) when it's false you'll have to justify your answer orally:

The boy's house was on fire (F)

The boy thinks the firemen are brave (T)

He admires the firefighters (T)

It took long the firemen to arrive (F)

It took one hour to extinguish the fire (F)

The boy's neighbors have a pet (T)

A fireman saved the dog's life. (T)

The boy wants to be a firefighter when he grows up. (T)

He wants to be as strong and brave as the firefighters. (T)

### 1 Answer the questions:

- 1 What was the boy doing when the neighbors' house caught fire?
- 2 Did he want to be a fireman before that day?
- 3 Why did he decide to be a fireman in the future?
- 4 What qualities does he think are essential for being a fireman?
- 5 What can he already see in the newspaper?
- 6 Who do you think the newspaper is referring to?
- 7 How does the boy think his mother will feel? Do you agree with him?

### Solution

- 1 He was playing video games.
- 2 No, he didn't want to be a fireman.
- 3 Because he admires the fireman.
- 4 Strong and brave.

5 Brave fireman rescues a family of four

6 To the boy

7 So proud.

### Activity

1 Complete the following text using the past tense of the verbs in brackets.

Anna's holiday was (be) great last summer. She stayed (stay) in a college in England for two weeks. She had (have) classes in the mornings and in the afternoon, she did (do) some sports like swimming or tennis.

In the evenings she often went (go) dancing or watched (watch) films with her new friends.

At weekends they drove (drive) to some interesting places. Once they visited (visit) Maxwell Zoo where they saw (see) some beautiful didn't was (not be) a problem. She met (meet) a lot of people and learnt (learn) some English. All the students in her class were (be) sorry to go home. They all promised (promise) to come back next summer.