

Rank	Base Form	Past Tense Form	Past Participle
1	say	said	said
2	make	made	made
3	go	went	gone
4	take	took	taken
5	come	came	come
6	see	saw	seen
7	know	knew	known
8	get	got	gotten
9	give	gave	given
10	find	found	found
11	think	thought	thought
12	tell	told	told
13	become	became	become
14	show	showed	shown
15	leave	left	left
16	feel	felt	felt
17	put	put	put
18	bring	brought	brought
19	begin	began	begun
20	keep	kept	kept
21	hold	held	held
22	write	wrote	written
23	stand	stood	stood
24	hear	heard	heard
25	let	let	let

These irregular verbs are listed in order of how often they appear in real English as shown by the famous Lancaster-Bergen corpus. These 50 in this order represent an incredible 87% of irregular verb occurrence in English. If you tell your students that learning merely the first eleven will equip them to deal with fully 50% of the usage of irregulars in English, they may react very positively!!

26	mean	meant	meant
27	set	set	set
28	meet	met	met
29	run	ran	run
30	pay	paid	paid
31	sit	sat	sat
32	speak	spoke	spoken
33	lie	lay	lain
34	lead	led	led
35	read	read	read
36	grow	grew	grown
37	lose	lost	lost
38	fall	fell	fallen
39	send	sent	sent
40	build	built	built
41	understand	understood	understood
42	draw	drew	drawn
43	break	broke	broken
44	spend	spent	spent
45	cut	cut	cut
46	rise	rose	risen
47	drive	drove	driven
48	buy	bought	bought
49	wear	wore	worn
50	choose	chose	chosen