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Verbs with less common conjugations in EnglishThis article includes a list of the irregular forms in common use. For a more complete list, see List of English irregular verbs.Part of a series onEnglish grammarMorphologyPluralsPrefixesin EnglishSuffixesfrequentativeWord typesAcronymsAdjectivesAdverbsflatArticlesCoordinatorsCompoundsDemonstrativesDeterminerslistExpletivesIntensifierInterjectionsInterrogativesNounsPortmanteausPossessivesPrepositionslistPronounscasepersonSubordinatorsVerbsVerbsAuxiliarsVerbsMoodconditionalimperativesubjunctiveAspectcontinuoushabitualperfect-ed-ing-ion-ion-lyIrregular verbsModal verbsPassive voicePhrasal verbsVerb usageTransitivitySyntaxClausesin EnglishConditional sentencesCopulaDe-supportInversionParipharsisZero-markingOrthographyAbbreviationsCapitalizationCommaHyphenVarianceAfrican-American Vernacular EnglishAmE and BrE grammatical differencesDouble negativesGrammar disputesThouvteThe English language has many irregular verbs, approaching 200 in normal use and significantly more if prefixed forms are counted. The irregularity concerns the past tense (also called preterite) or the past participle. The other inflected parts of the verb (the third person singular present indicative in -(e)s form, the present participle and gerund form in -ing are formed regularly in most cases. There are a few exceptions, however, such as the verb catch (derived from Old Northern French cachier), whose irregular forms originated by way of analogy with other verbs such as teach. Most irregular verbs exist as remnants of historical conjugation systems. When some grammatical rule became changed or obsoleted, some verbs kept to the old pattern. For example, before the Great Vowel Shift, the verb to keep (then pronounced /keɑ̯/, slightly like "cap", or "caper" without the /r/ glide) belonged to a group of verbs whose vowel was shortened in the past tense; this pattern is preserved in the modern past tense kept. Verbs such as peep, weep, leap, leak, weak, reach, teach, beach, beak, beam, team, seam, seem, seek, seep, seed, seal, seat, seat, seat