

Activity Type

Matching and speaking activity, pairwork

Language Focus

Past simple irregular verbs

Aim

To match infinitive and past simple irregular verbs together.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two sets of cards for each pair of students. Keep the two sets separate.

Level

Elementary

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

Here is an entertaining irregular verbs game to help students memorize past simple irregular verbs.

Procedure

Divide the class into pairs.

Give each pair a set of base form irregular verb and past simple irregular verb cards, making sure the two sets are kept separate.

Tell the students to shuffle each set and spread them out face down on the table.

The students should also have a pen and paper for keeping score.

The students take it in turns to turn one card over from each set.

The aim of the game is to find matching pairs of infinitive and past simple irregular verbs.

If a student turns over two cards that match, e.g. awake and awoke, the student keeps the cards and scores a point.

The student can then score an extra point by using the past simple irregular verb in a sentence.

If the two cards don't match, the student turns the cards back over, keeping them in their original place.

Then, it's the next student's turn to pick up two cards and so on.

This continues until all the cards have been matched.

The student with the highest score at the end of the game is the winner.

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Base form irregular verbs

awake

become

begin

break

bring

build

buy

catch

come

draw

drink

eat

fall

find

fly

forget

get

give

go

have

hear

keep

leave

lose

make

meet

pay

put

read

ring

say

see

sell

sit

sleep

speak

spill

stand

stick

take

tell

think

win

write

Past simple irregular verbs



awoke	became	began	broke
brought	built	bought	caught
came	drew	drank	ate
fell	found	flew	forgot
got	gave	went	had
heard	kept	left	lost
made	met	paid	put
read	rang	said	saw
sold	sat	slept	spoke
spilt	stood	stuck	took
told	thought	won	wrote