

ESL Lesson Plan: Irregular verbs in English

Level: Beginner to Intermediate (A1-B2)

Time: 60 minutes

Topic: Irregular verbs (past simple tense)

Objective:

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- Identify and use common irregular verbs in the past tense.
- Differentiate between regular and irregular verb forms.
- Construct simple past sentences using irregular verbs.

Materials Needed

- Whiteboard/markers or digital board
- Handouts with verb lists and exercises
- Flashcards or printed verb cards
- Short video or audio (optional)
- Worksheet for practice

Lesson Outline

1. Warm-Up (5–10 min)

- Ask students what they did yesterday (e.g., "*What did you eat?*").
- Write student responses on the board, correcting to show past tense forms.
- Highlight irregular past tense forms (e.g., "go → went", "eat → ate").

2. Presentation (10–15 min)

- Explain the difference between regular and irregular verbs.
- Show a chart with 10–15 common irregular verbs (e.g., go, eat, drink, buy, see, take).
- Give example sentences: *"I go to school → I went to school."*

3. Practice Activity (15 min)

- Matching Game: Match base verbs with their past tense forms.
- Fill-in-the-blank Exercise: Sentences missing past tense verbs.
Example: *"Yesterday, I _____ (eat) pizza."*

4. Speaking Practice (10–15 min)

- Pair up students. Give them question prompts:
 - *"What did you do last weekend?"*
 - *"What did you eat for breakfast?"*
- Encourage full-sentence answers using irregular verbs.

5. Listening Practice (Optional – 5–10 min)

- Play a short audio story or video in the past tense.
- Have students listen for irregular verbs and write them down.

6. Review and Wrap-Up (5 min)

- Quick recap: Ask students to say 3 irregular verbs and their past forms.
- Assign homework: Create 5 sentences using different irregular past tense verbs.

Extension / Homework Ideas

- Verb diary: Write a short paragraph about what they did yesterday using at least 5 irregular verbs.
- Flashcard review: Create flashcards with irregular verbs and test themselves.