

# Verb Classes in English

pasr simplex - parallel to the German Präteritum

These are the three basic verb classes in English. A few variations and irregularities exist beyond these. Based on your knowledge of English, you should be able to fill in the missing forms.

## Weak

The stem stays intact and the sounds [t], [d] or [ɪd] are suffixed to the stem. The Suffix '-ed' is the spelling for the tense marker.

Examples:

work	worked [t]
type	typed [t]
wreck	
wrap	
strip	
lock	
plunge	plunged [d]
gain	gain [d]
clean	
paint	paint [ɪd]
blend	

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## Strong

The stem undergoes ablaut (sound change). No suffix is added to the verb. The ablaut signals the change in tense.

Examples:

drive	drove
fly	
see	
come	came
drink	drank
eat	
know	
fall	
write	wrote
run	ran
break	

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## Mixed

The stem undergoes ablaut (a feature of strong verbs) and the verb is suffixed with the sounds [t] or [d] (a feature of weak verbs).

Examples:

think	thought
catch	
teach	
bring	
creep	crept
fight	
buy	
flee	fled
keep	kept
say	
weep	

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