

Lesson 2: Verbs and Verb forms

In this lesson we will continue looking at verb phrases. This time we will focus on MAIN VERBS.

A main verb names the action.

Main verbs change their endings to match with their X-Words.

With their X-Words, they tell us the time of the action.

Example: Joe is *studying* The verb, *study*, expresses the action.

In English, every verb has six forms. Here are the six forms with examples.

Can you fill in the missing verbs?

Base form	-ing form	past participle form	no "s" form	"s" form	past form
	going	gone	go		went
take	taking			takes	took
eat		eaten	eat		ate
want	wanting			wants	wanted
study	studying		study		studied

Have you noticed that the **base form** and the **no "s" form** are the same? They look the same, but they are really very different. I will explain this more later.

We will use these abbreviations to help us talk about the verb forms more easily.

- VB → Base form
- VING → -ing form
- D-T-N → Past participle form
- V/XO → Present no "s" form
- V/XS → Present "s" form
- V/XD → Past form



Regular and irregular verbs.

Look again at the verbs above. Want and study are REGULAR verbs. Take and eat are IRREGULAR.

irregular means
not regular

Look at the verb endings. How do regular verbs end? Are all of the forms different, or just some?

★ Rule: A regular verb

- adds *-ed* to the V/XD and the D-T-N
- does not change the spelling of the base

Lesson 2: Exercise 1

Directions: Here are some regular verbs. Write the 6 verb forms of each. I have done the first one for you.

Vbase	VING	D-T-N	V/XO	V/XS	V/XD
help	helping	helped	help	helps	helped
live					
love					
move					
study					

Good news!

All new verbs that come into English are regular.

Vbase	VING	D-T-N	V/XO	V/XS	V/XD
google	googling	googled	google	googles	googled
text	texting	texted	text	texts	texted.

Lesson 2 Exercise 2

Directions: Here are some irregular verbs that you should know. Write as many of the verb forms as you can.

Vbase	VING	D-T-N	V/XO	V/XS	V/XD
bring					
make					
take					
have					
eat					

Look at the last letters of the verbs in the D-T-N column. Can you see why we call this form D-T-N?

★ Rule: An irregular verb is
 a verb that does not simply add -ed to make the D-T-N and V/XD

Lesson 2 Exercise 3

Write the Rule:

1. A regular verb

2. We call the past participle D-T-N because

3. All new verbs in English are _____

In the next lesson, we will see how X-Words match up with the six verb forms.

