

Irregular Verbs



Here is a list of some important irregular verbs with their French translation and example sentences.

INFINITIVE	FRENCH	PAST SIMPLE	PRESENT PERFECT
To begin	<i>Commencer</i>	I began the meeting.	I have begun the meeting.
To break	<i>Casser</i>	I broke the vase.	I have broken the vase.
To become	<i>devenir</i>	He became the manager.	He has become the manager.
To build	<i>Construire</i>	They built a new building.	They have built a new building.
To buy	<i>Acheter</i>	She bought the product.	She has bought the product.
To catch	<i>Attraper</i>	She caught a cold.	She has caught a cold.
To choose	<i>Choisir</i>	We chose the product.	We have chosen the product.
To come	<i>Venir</i>	I came to the office.	I have come to the office.
To cost	<i>Coûter</i>	It cost a lot.	It has cost a lot.
To do	<i>Faire</i>	I did a lot of work.	I have done a lot of work.
To dream*	<i>Rêver</i>	He dreamt of a new job.	He has dreamt of a new job.
To drink	<i>Boire</i>	He drank a cocktail.	He has drunk a cocktail.
To eat	<i>Manger</i>	She ate in the canteen.	She has eaten in the canteen.
To fall	<i>Tomber</i>	The prices fell.	The prices have fallen.
To find	<i>Trouver</i>	We found a new client.	We have found a new client.
To fly	<i>Prendre l'avion</i>	I flew to London.	I have flown to London.
To forget	<i>Oublier</i>	I forgot my appointment.	I have forgotten my appointment.
To get	<i>Recevoir</i>	You got the fax.	You have got the fax.
To give	<i>Donner</i>	We gave him the contract.	We have given him the contract.
To grow	<i>Grandir</i>	The company grew.	The company has grown.
To go	<i>Aller</i>	They went to the presentation.	They have gone to the presentation.

To hang up	<i>Raccrocher</i>	He hung up.	He has hung up.
To hear	<i>Entendre</i>	I heard the news.	I have heard the news.
To know	<i>Savoir/ connaître</i>	I knew him.	I have known him.
To hold	<i>Tenir</i>	I held the meeting.	I have held the meeting
To learn*	<i>Apprendre</i>	She learnt French.	She has learnt French.
To leave	<i>Partir/quitter</i>	He left the office.	He has left the office.
To lose	<i>Perdre</i>	They lost the sale.	They have lost the sale.
To make	<i>Faire</i>	You made a mistake.	You have made a mistake.
To meet	<i>Rencontrer</i>	I met the customer.	I have met the customer.
To pay	<i>Payer</i>	They paid the invoice.	They have paid the invoice.
To read	<i>Lire</i>	You read the contract.	You have read the contract.
To ring	<i>Sonner /appeler</i>	We rang the client.	We have rung the client.
To say	<i>Dire</i>	He said hello.	He has said hello.
To see	<i>Voir</i>	I saw the document.	I have seen the document.
To sell	<i>Vendre</i>	They sold the apartment.	They have sold the apartment.
To send	<i>Envoyer</i>	I sent the email.	I have sent the email.
To show	<i>Montrer</i>	I showed him the product.	I have shown him the product.
To sit	<i>S'asseoir</i>	He sat down.	He has sat down.
To smell*	<i>Sentir</i>	It smelt better.	It has smelt better.
To spend	<i>Dépenser</i>	We spent a lot of money.	We have spent a lot of money.
To speak	<i>Parler</i>	He spoke quickly.	He has spoken quickly.
To take	<i>Prendre</i>	I took an appointment.	I have taken an appointment.
To tell	<i>Dire/raconter</i>	He told me about the problem.	He has told me about the problem
To think	<i>Penser</i>	We thought about it.	We have thought about it.
To understand	<i>Comprendre</i>	He understood the letter.	He has understood the letter.
To wear	<i>Porter</i>	She wore a suit.	She has worn a suit.
To win	<i>Gagner</i>	We won the lottery.	We have won the lottery.
To write	<i>Écrire</i>	They wrote the contract.	They have written the contract.