

Reference B: Irregular verbs and spelling rules

Focus: the 20 A1 irregular verbs and was / were (Units 11-12); spelling of -s (Unit 5), -ing (Unit 9) and -ed (Unit 12)

The 20 A1 irregular verbs: past simple (Unit 12)

Verb	Past	Example	Verb	Past	Example
buy	bought	I bought a map.	leave	left	We left at six.
come	came	She came by bus.	make	made	He made dinner.
do	did	I did the shopping.	meet	met	I met my boss.
drink	drank	They drank tea.	read	read	He read a book.
eat	ate	We ate fish.	say	said	She said hello.
feel	felt	I felt tired.	see	saw	We saw a film.
get	got	He got a job.	sleep	slept	I slept well.
give	gave	She gave me a card.	take	took	We took photos.
go	went	I went to Tbilisi.	think	thought	I thought about it.
have	had	We had lunch.	write	wrote	He wrote an email.

PAST SIMPLE (UNITS 11 AND 12)

I **went** by train. · We **didn't go** by car. · **Did you go**? Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.
be: I / he / she / it **was** · you / we / they **were** · I wasn't ill. · Were you at home?

SPELLING: HE / SHE / IT IN THE PRESENT SIMPLE (UNIT 5)

work → **works** · live → **lives** · get up → **gets up** · have → **has** (irregular)
after ch / sh / s / x / o add -es: watches, finishes, goes, does
consonant + y → -ies: study → studies, try → tries (vowel + y: plays, buys)

SPELLING: THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS (UNIT 9)

work → **working** · buy → **buying** · verb + e: drop the e: make → making, live → living
one vowel + one consonant: double it: sit → sitting, stop → stopping · lie → lying

SPELLING: REGULAR VERBS IN THE PAST SIMPLE (UNIT 12)

play → **played** · visit → **visited** · verb + e: add -d: live → lived, dance → danced
consonant + y → -ied: study → studied, try → tried (vowel + y: played, stayed)
one vowel + one consonant: double it: stop → stopped, plan → planned