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## QT-ESL Podcast No. 63

### Irregular Verbs Group 2

Hi! I'm Marianne Raynaud, and I'm here to help you improve your level of spoken English. This series of podcasts is designed to help you master English grammar through oral practice. For work on vocabulary and pronunciation you can go to our other series called "Your English".

As I explained in podcast No. 61 it is essential to learn to use verbs properly if you wish to be really competent in English. The difficulty does not lie in conjugating English verbs as the forms are more or less the same whatever the person. The difficult part is learning the past tenses of irregular verbs. That is why we are devoting several podcasts to this subject.

With these irregular verbs we advise you to study their meanings in your own language and then memorize the infinitive, the simple past and the past participle for each verb. We know this is a lot of hard work, but it is well worth the effort. To help you we have put these verbs in categories. In this second group again like in the first group of verbs **the simple past and past participles are exactly the same. They are formed by changing the last consonant to a "t", a "d" or a "de"**, e.g. "spend" becomes "spent", "have" becomes "had" and "make" becomes "made".

Let's start with seven verbs that change the last consonant to a "d". Listen and repeat the infinitive followed by the simple past and the past participle paying careful attention to the pronunciation.

to have	had	had
to make	made	made
to say	said	said
to lay	laid	laid
to pay	paid	paid
to hear	heard	heard
to slide	slid	slid

*To practice some more let's use these seven verbs in short sentences. I will say two sentences for each verb: one in the simple present and one in the simple past. Listen and repeat.*

He has coffee for breakfast.  
He had coffee for breakfast.  
She makes eggs for lunch.  
She made eggs for lunch.  
They say they are French.

They said they are French.  
We lay the table.  
We laid the table.  
They pay good salaries.  
They paid good salaries.

We hear the bell.  
We heard the bell.  
He slides on the snow.  
He slid on the snow.



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*In the next exercise I will say a sentence in the present, and you will say the same sentence in the simple past. Listen to the examples.*

*I say: He has coffee for breakfast.*

*You say: He had coffee for breakfast.*

*I say: She makes eggs for lunch.*

*You say: She made eggs for lunch.*

*Now you go on in the same way. Be sure to speak before I give the answer. (See sentences above.)*

*Now onto eight additional verbs in this same group. These verbs change the last consonant to a "t". Listen and repeat the infinitive followed by the simple past and the past participle paying careful attention to the pronunciation.*

to spend	spent	spent
to bend	bent	bent
to lend	lent	lent
to send	sent	sent
to smell	smelt	smelt
to learn	learnt	learnt
to burn	burnt	burnt
to build	built	built

*Now I will say two sentences for each verb: one in the simple present and one in the simple past. Listen and repeat.*

She spends money on clothes.

She spent money on clothes.

He bends the rules.

He bent the rules.

They lend me books.

They lent me books.

He often sends messages.

He often sent messages.

The food smells good.

The food smelt good.

We learn our lessons.

We learnt our lessons.

I burn my waste papers.

I burnt my waste papers.

She builds airplanes.

She built airplanes.

*In the final exercise I will again say a sentence in the present, and you will say the same sentence in the simple past. Listen to the examples.*

*I say: She spends money on clothes.*

*You say: She spent money on clothes.*

*I say: He bends the rules.*

*You say: He bent the rules.*

*Now you go on in the same way. Be sure to speak before I give the answer. (Sentences above.)*

That's the end of this episode. The theme was suggested by my colleague Catherine Alhinc, who has made up the different groups. Visit [www.qualitytime-esl.com](http://www.qualitytime-esl.com) to download the script. For more practice with vocabulary or basic structures try our other series called "Your English". Teachers interested in more effective teaching can order "*QualityTime-ESL: The Digital Resource Book*" on a DVD or get it immediately in a slightly lighter downloadable version. Bye for now, and don't forget to keep smiling.