

## Unit 14 - Common Irregular Verbs

### Lesson 2 - Checking irregular verbs

#### Activity

- Students are in groups of three with lists of infinitives from last night's homework - three blank pieces of paper for each group
- Have them label the papers as follows:

One piece of paper says REGULAR VERBS at the top

One piece of paper says IRREGULAR VERBS at the top

The third says REGULAR VERB TEST

and has the following written on the paper for them to plug in a verb to see if it fits this pattern.

I \_\_\_ I \_\_\_ed  
 you \_\_\_ you \_\_\_ed  
 he \_\_\_s he \_\_\_ed  
 we \_\_\_ we \_\_\_ed  
 you \_\_\_ you \_\_\_ed  
 they \_\_\_ they \_\_\_ed

- One verb is chosen from their homework lists and plugged aloud into the verb test.
- If it passes the test as a regular verb, it is listed on the sheet of regular verbs; if not, with the irregular verbs.
- Each group should go through all of their verbs individually and end up with a substantial list of regular and irregular verbs from their group.
- As the groups finish, have them cover the board with irregular verb infinitives.
- A regular verb is one that follows this given pattern for the simple present and simple past tenses.

#### Discuss

- An irregular verb is one that does not follow this common pattern.
- It is amazing how many verbs in the English language are irregular.
- Most verbs are irregular just in the simple past tense, but are perfectly regular in the present tense.
- **to do, to have, to be** are perhaps the most irregular verbs.
- Share lists and save for use in later exercises.

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