Riverside Community College
Directed Learning Activity ESL 542C

Topic: Past Tense Irregular Verbs Meaning & Use

Go to “ESL Applications” on the Writing & Reading Center’s computer. Click on the Understanding and Using English Grammar icon. Log in. If this is the first time you have used UUEG, please log in as a new student.

1. Go to “Chapter 2” and review the irregular verbs in Chart 2-7.

2. Complete Exercises 13 and 14 and check your answers. Be sure to use your dictionary to look up the meaning of any words you don’t know. Print the exercises.

3. Write flashcards (3 inch x 5 inch cards). Pick 10 words from the irregular verb list that you know you have trouble with. Write the word on the front and the definition and the past tense form on the back. You may want to punch holes in the cards and keep them on a ring for easy practice and highlight any things you know you have trouble with like vowel changes.

4. Practice with the flash cards by saying the words aloud or having a friend quiz you.

   ![Sink and sank cards]

5. Ask the instructor on duty to practice with you. Give the instructor the cards and have her or him ask you the past tense of the word. To make this more difficult, try spelling the word and giving a sentence for each word. The instructor on duty can help you say and use the words correctly.

   Instructor/Tutor Signature

   Date