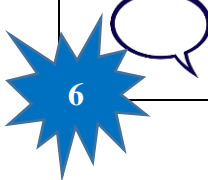# irregular verbs

Have you noticed that some irregular verbs seem to follow a pattern ?
Here they are classified according to their behaviour.

	BASE VERBALE	PRETERIT	PARTICIPE PASSE	TRADUCTION
AAA	No change !			
	cut	**cut**	**cut**	couper
	bet	bet	bet	parier
	burst	burst	burst	éclater
	cast	cast	cast	jeter/ lancer
	cost	cost	cost	coûter
	hit	hit	hit	frapper
	hurt	hurt	hurt	(se) blesser
	let	let	let	laisser/ permettre
	put	put	put	mettre
	quit	quit	quit	abandonner/ quitter
	set	set	set	poser
	shut	shut	shut	fermer
	split	split	split	fendre/ partager
	spread	spread	spread	étaler/ répandre

	BASE VERBALE	PRETERIT	PARTICIPE PASSE	TRADUCTION
ABB	Prétérit + past participle are identical !			
-t / -t	shoot	**shot**	**shot**	tirer
	bend	bent	bent	(se) courber
	build	built	built	construire
	burn	burnt	burnt	brûler
	learn	learnt	learnt	apprendre
	lend	lent	lent	prêter
	light	lit	lit	allumer
	lose	lost	lost	perdre
	send	sent	sent	envoyer
	smell	smelt	smelt	sentir (odeur)
	spell	spelt	spelt	épeler
	spill	spilt	spilt	renverser
	spoil	spoilt	spoilt	gâcher/ gâter
	spend	spent	spent	dépenser/ passer (tps)

-d / -d	make	**made**	**made**	fabriquer
	have	had	had	avoir **(+ AUX)**
3	hear	heard	heard	entendre
	sell	sold	sold	vendre
	slide	slid	slid	glisser
	stand	stood	stood	se tenir debout
	tell	told	told	raconter
	understand	understood	understood	comprendre
Voyelle	hold	**held**	**held**	tenir
	find	found	found	trouver
	get	got	got	obtenir/ devenir
	sit	sat	sat	s'asseoir
4	shine	shone	shone	briller/ reluire
	win	won	won	gagner

ABB	*Long /i:/ is pronounced /e/ in the past !*			
	read	**read**	**read**	lire
	bleed	bled	bled	saigner
	deal	dealt	dealt	distribuer/ concerner
5	dream	dreamt	dreamt	rêver
	feed	fed	fed	nourrir
	feel	felt	felt	(se) sentir/ toucher
	flee	fled	fled	s'enfuir
	keep	kept	kept	garder
	kneel	knelt	knelt	s'agenouiller
	lead (to)	led	led	mener (à)
	lean	leant	leant	se pencher/ s'appuyer
	leave	left	left	partir/ quitter
	meet	met	met	rencontrer
	mean	meant	meant	signifier
	sleep	slept	slept	dormir
	sweep	swept	swept	balayer

	BASE VERBALE	PRETERIT	PARTICIPE PASSE	TRADUCTION
ABB	*HEY !! -AY becomes -AID !*			
	say	**said**	**said**	dire
	lay	laid	laid	poser
6	pay	paid	paid	payer
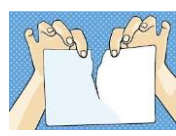
	BASE VERBALE	PRETERIT	PARTICIPE PASSE	TRADUCTION
ABB	*(AU / OU…) G-H-T des carottes… !*			
	buy	**bought**	**bought**	acheter
	bring	brought	brought	apporter
	catch	caught	caught	attraper
	fight	fought	fought	(se) battre
	seek	sought	sought	chercher
	teach	taught	taught	enseigner
	think	thought	thought	penser

	BASE VERBALE	PRETERIT	PARTICIPE PASSE	TRADUCTION
ABB	*I ♥ U !*			
	dig	**dug**	**dug**	creuser
	hang	hung	hung	suspendre
	stick	stuck	stuck	coller
	strike	struck	struck	frapper/ heurter

	BASE VERBALE	PRETERIT	PARTICIPE PASSE	TRADUCTION
ABA	*A different form is the exception!*			
	run	ran	**run**	courir
	come	came	come	venir
	become	became	become	devenir
AAB	**beat**	**beat**	beaten	battre

ABC	*Je ne supporte plus de porter des vêtements déchirés, c'est juré !*			
	bear	bore	born(e)	supporter/ porter/ naître
	wear	wore	worn	porter (vêtement)
	tear	tore	torn	déchirer
	swear	swore	sworn	jurer

ABC	*-EW becomes -OWN (-AWN) !*			
	blow	**blew**	**blown**	souffler
	draw	drew	drawn	dessiner
	fly	flew	flown	voler (oiseau)
	grow	grew	grown	grandir/ pousser
	know	knew	known	savoir/ connaître
	throw	threw	thrown	jeter/ lancer

ABC	Past participle ends in –EN (or -N) !			
12	freeze	froze	**frozen**	geler
	bite	bit	bitten	mordre
	break	broke	broken	casser
	choose	chose	chosen	choisir
	drive	drove	driven	conduire
	eat	ate	eaten	manger
	fall	fell	fallen	tomber
	forbid	forbade	forbidden	interdire
	forget	forgot	forgotten	oublier
	forgive	forgave	forgiven	pardonner
	give	gave	given	donner
	hide	hid	hidden	cacher
	ride	rode	ridden	monter/ enfourcher
	rise	rose	risen	(se) lever/ s'élever
	see	saw	seen	voir
	shake	shook	shaken	secouer
	show	showed	shown	montrer
	speak	spoke	spoken	parler
	steal	stole	stolen	voler (dérober)
	take	took	taken	prendre
	undertake	undertook	undertaken	entreprendre
	wake (up)	woke	woken	(se) réveiller
	write	wrote	written	écrire
	lie	lay	lain	s'allonger

ABC	The I-A-U series !			
13	sing	sang	sung	chanter
	begin	began	begun	commencer
	drink	drank	drunk	boire
	ring	rang	rung	sonner
	spring (from)	sprang	sprung	jaillir/ provenir (de)
	swim	swam	swum	nager

ABC	And finally… the most essential of all !			
14	be	was / were	been	être **(+ AUX)**
	do	did	done	faire **(+ AUX)**
	go	went	gone	aller

"To be, or not to be, that is the question…" HAMLET, William Shakespeare