**Verbs** are divided into two classes on the basis of the method by which they form the past tense from the present, namely:

- 1. Strong Verbs.
- 2. Weak Verbs

## **Strong Verb and Weak Verb**

#### Strong Verb

Verbs which form their past tense by simply changing the vowel without adding 'ed', 'd' or 't' are called strong verbs.

#### Examples:

Present	Past
Come	Came
Write	Wrote
Speak	Spoke

#### Weak Verb

Verbs which form their past tense by adding 'ed', 'd' or 't' to the present are known as weak verbs.

#### Examples:

Present	Past
Walk	Walked
Want	Wanted
Spend	Spent

### **Strong Verbs**

**Verbs** which form their past tense by simply changing the vowel **without** adding 'ed', 'd' or 't' are called strong verbs.

Present	Past
Come	Came
Write	Wrote
Speak	Spoke
Go	Went
Give	Gave
Arise	Arose
See	Saw

Present	Past
Being	Began
Know	Knew
Grow	Grew
Drink	Drank

## **Weak Verbs**

**Verbs** which form their past tense **by adding 'ed', 'd' or 't'** to the present **are known as weak verbs.** 

Present	Past
Walk	Walked
Want	Wanted
Spend	Spent
Bring	Brought
Catch	Caught
Teach	Taught
Laugh	Laughed
Believe	Believed
Sell	Sold

Present	Past
Buy	Bought
Seek	Sought

### How to find out weak verb

A verb which has 'd' or 't' in the past is a weak verb.

Present	Past
Believe	Believed
Burn	Burnt
Flee	Fled
Sell	Sold
Think	Thought
Catch	Caught

Verb ending with 'd' which turn into 't' are weak verbs.

Present	Past
Bend	Bent
Lend	Lent
Spend	Spent
Build	Built

Present	Past
Send	Sent

• **Verbs** ending with 'd' or 't' which shorten the vowel in the past are **weak verbs**.

Present	Past
Bleed	Bled
Feed	Fed
Meet	Met
Shoot	Shot
Breed	Bred
Lead	Led
Speed	Sped

• **Verbs** having the same form for the <u>present and past tense.</u>

Present	Past
Cast	cast
Hit	Hit
Let	Let
Rid	Rid
Shed	Shed
Split	Split
Thrust	Thrust

Cut	Cut
Hurt	Hurt
Put	Put
Set	Set
Shut	Shut
Spread	Spread

