

Description	Students group irregular past tense verbs by sound
Lesson link	Use this activity after exercise 4d
Time	10 minutes
Extra material	None

Instructions

a Write these verbs on the board:

keep

spend

sleep

b Ask SS what the past tense forms of the verbs are. Elicit the answers and write them next to the infinitives:

keep *kept*

spend *spent*

sleep *slept*

c Ask SS which two verbs have exactly the same sound in the ending.

Answer: *kept* and *slept*

d Now write these verbs on the board:

lose grow

fly cost

wake let

go break

send meet

think catch

e In pairs, SS put these verbs in the past tense, and then match those with the same sound, like *kept* – *slept*. The spelling isn't important for this exercise, only the pronunciation of ending.

f Get feedback as a class.

Answers

lost – cost

flew – grew

woke – broke

went – sent

thought – caught

let – met