

Principal parts of 111 common Old English verbs.

Strong verbs.

Class I. drīfan, drīfþ, drāf, drifon, drifen ‘drive’

gewītan, gewīt, gewāt, gewiton, gewiten ‘go, go out, depart’
rīdan, rīt, rād, ridon, rideñ ‘ride’
rīsan, rīst, rās, rison, risen ‘rise, arise’
swīcan, swīchþ, swāc, swicon, swicen ‘cease, fail’
wrītan, wrīt, wrāt, writon, writen ‘write’

Class II. bēodan, bīet, bēad, budon, boden ‘offer, command, announce’

būgan, bȳgþ, bēag, bugon, bogen ‘bend, bow down’
cēosan, cīest, cēas, curon, coren ‘choose, decide’
flēon, fliehþ, flēah, flugon, flogen ‘flee (from), escape’
tēon, tīehþ, tēah, tugon, togen ‘pull, draw, attract, educate’

Class III. drincan, drinchþ, dranc, druncon, druncen ‘drink’

feohtan, fieht, feaht, fuhton, fohten ‘fight’
gelimpan, gelimpþ, gelamp, gelumpon, gelumpen ‘happen, pertain to’
gieldan, gilt, geald, guldon, golden ‘pay’
irnan, irnþ, arn, urnon, urnen ‘run, flow’
onginnan, onginþ, ongann, ongunnon, ongunnen ‘begin, undertake’
singan, singþ, sang, sungon, sungen ‘sing’
weorpan, wierpþ, wearp, wurpon, worpen ‘throw’
weorþan, wierþ, wearþ, wurdon, worden ‘become, happen, be done’
winnan, winþ, wann, wunnon, wunnen ‘struggle, fight’

Class IV. beran, birþ, bær, bāeron, boreñ ‘carry, bring, bear, produce’

brecan, bricþ, bræc, bræcon, brocen ‘break’
cuman, cymþ, cōm, cōmon, cumen ‘come’
niman, nimþ, nam, nōmon, numen ‘take’

Class V. begietan, begitt, begeat, begēaton, begieten ‘get, beget’

biddan, bitt, bæd, bādon, beden ‘ask for, pray’
cweþan, cwibþ, cwæþ, cwædon, cweđen ‘say, speak’
etan, itt, āt, āton, eten ‘eat, eat up’
giefan, gifþ, geaf, gēafon, giefen ‘give’
licgan, lig(e)þ, læg, lægon, legen ‘lie’
sēon, siehþ, seah, sāwon, sewen ‘see, observe, experience’
sittan, sitt, sæt, sāton, seten ‘sit, stay, occupy’

sprecan, spricþ, spræc, spræcon, sprecen ‘talk, speak’

Class VI. faran, færþ, fōr, fōron, faren ‘go, travel, act, fare, die’

scieppan, sciepþ, scōp, scōpon, sceapen ‘create’

slēan, sliehþ, slōg, slōgon, slægen ‘strike, kill’

standan, stent, stōd, stōdon, standen ‘stand’

Class VII. feallan, fielþ, fēoll, fēollon, feallen ‘fall, decay, die’

fōn, fēhþ, fēng, fēngon, fangen ‘seize, take’

hātan, hāt, hēt, hēton, hāten ‘call, command’

healdan, hielt, hēold, hēoldon, healden ‘hold, keep, guard, rule’

lātan, lāt, lēt, lēton, lāten ‘let, allow, leave’

wealdan, wielt, wēold, wēoldon, wealden ‘rule, control’

wēpan, wēpþ, wēop, wēopon, wōpen ‘cry, weep’

Strong present, weak past.

bringan, bringþ, brōhte, brōht ‘bring, lead’

Weak verbs.

Class I, no *-i- in the past stem.

bycgan, byg(e)þ, bohte, boht ‘buy’

reccan, recþ, reahite, reaht ‘explain, tell, narrate’

sēcan, sēcþ, sōhte, sōht ‘look for, seek, visit, attack’

sellan, sel(e)þ, sealde, seald ‘give, sell, pay’

tācan, tācþ, tāhte, tāht ‘show, teach’

þenčan, þencþ, þōhte, þōht ‘think, consider, intend’

þyncan, þyncþ, þūhte, þūht ‘seem, appear’

wyrčan, wyrçþ, worhte, worht ‘do, make, work’

Class I, regular.

bærnan, bærnþ, bærnde, bærned ‘burn, cause to burn’

bētan, bēt, bētte, bēted ‘amend, atone for, compensate’

cennan, cenþ, cende, cenned ‘beget, conceive, give birth to, create’

ćīegan, ćīegþ, ćīegde, ćīeged ‘call’

ćierran, ćierþ, ćierde, ćierred ‘turn, change, return, convert, translate’

cýþan, cýþ, cýþde, cýþed ‘make known, proclaim, inform’

dālan, dālp, dālde, dāled ‘divide, distribute’

dēman, dēmþ, dēmde, dēmed ‘judge, decide’

fēran, fērþ, fērde, fēred ‘go, march, travel’

fylgan, fylgb, fylgde, fylged ‘follow, pursue’
 fyrhtan, fyrht, fyrhte, fyrhted ‘frighten’
 ȝebyrian, ȝebyreþ, ȝebyrede, ȝebyred ‘happen, pertain to, belong to’
 ȝeliefan, ȝeliefþ, ȝeliefde, ȝeliefed ‘believe’
 hælan, hælp, hælde, hæled ‘heal, save’
 hīeran, hīerþ, hīerde, hīered ‘hear, listen to, obey’
 lædan, læt, lædde, læded ‘lead, bring, carry’
 læstan, læst, læste, læsted ‘follow, carry out, perform, fulfill’
 lecgan, leg(e)þ, legde, legd ‘lay, put, place’
 mētan, mēt, mētte, mēted ‘meet, find’
 nēalæcan, nēalæcþ, nēalæcte, nēalæced ‘approach’
 rædan, ræt, rædde, ræded ‘advise, consult, plan, rule, read’
 restan, rest, reste, rested ‘rest’
 sendan, sent, sende, sended ‘send’
 settan, sett, sette, sett ‘set, put, place, ordain, settle’
 stillan, stilþ, stilde, stilled ‘quiet, calm’
 timbran, timbreþ, timbrede, timbred ‘build’
 wēnan, wēnþ, wēnde, wēned ‘think, believe, expect, hope’
 wendan, went, wende, wended ‘turn, go, change, convert, translate’
 wēstan, wēst, wēste, wēsted ‘lay waste’

Class II. andswarian, andswaraþ, andswarode, andswarod ‘answer’

āscian, āascaþ, āscode, āscod ‘ask’
 clipian, clipaþ, clipode, clipod ‘call, cry out’
 hergian, hergaþ, hergode, hergod ‘ravage, plunder’
 laþian, laþaþ, laþode, laþod ‘invite, summon’
 leornian, leornaþ, leornode, leornod ‘learn’
 rīcsian, rīcsaþ, rīcsode, rīcsod ‘rule, reign’
 scēawian, scēawaþ, scēawode, scēawod ‘look at, observe, examine’
 smēagan, smēaþ, smēade, smēad ‘think, consider’
 þancian, þancaþ, þancode, þancod ‘thank’
 wilnian, wilnaþ, wilnode, wilnod ‘desire, wish’
 wunian, wunaþ, wunode, wunod ‘dwell, inhabit, be accustomed to’

Class III. habban, hæfþ, hæfde, hæfd ‘have’

libban, liofaþ, lifde, lifd ‘live’
 secgan, sægþ, sægde, sægd

Preterite-presents.

For these the 3sg. and 3pl. of the present are given; most do not have past participles.

If the infinitive is not attested, it is given as a citation form but starred.

āgan, āh, āgon, āhte ‘have, possess, obtain’

cunnan, cann, cunnon, cūþe ‘recognize, be acquainted with, know how to’

*durran, dearr, durron, dorste ‘dare’

ȝemunan, ȝeman, ȝemunon, ȝemunde, ȝemunen ‘remember, think about’

*magan, mæg, magon, meahte ‘can, be able, may’

*mōtan, mōt, mōton, mōste ‘must’

*sculan, sceal, sculon, scolde ‘shall, ought to, must’

þurfan, þearf, þurfon, þorfte ‘need (to)’

witan, wāt, witon, wisse (wiste), witen ‘know, understand, be aware of, perceive’

Anomalous verbs.

dōn, dēþ, dyde, dōn ‘do, make, perform, put, bestow, cause’

gān, gāþ, ēode, gān ‘go’

willan, wile, wolde ‘want (to)’

The verb ‘be’.

pres. inf. bēon, wesan

pres. ptc. wesende

perfective

	pres. indic.	pres. indic.	pres. subj.	pres. iptv.	past indic.	past subj.
1sg.	eam	bēo	sīe		wæs	wāre
2sg.	eart	bist	sīe	wes, bēo	wāre	wāre
3sg.	is	biþ	sīe		wæs	wāre
pl.	sind(on)	bēoþ	sīen	wesap, bēoþ	wāron	wāren