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Irregular Verbs

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A verb is a word that indicates action or state of being. Verbs are categorized as regular or irregular depending on how they form the past tense. Regular verbs form the past tense by adding *-ed* or *-d*. Verbs that form the past tense in other ways are considered **irregular verbs**.

There are no rules for how irregular verbs change to make the past tense. You will need to get familiar hearing and reading these words. Here are some examples.

Common Irregular Verbs			
Present Tense	Past Tense	Present Tense	Past Tense
become	became	sit	sat
bring	brought	hide	hid
eat	ate	tell	told
go	went	see	saw
hear	heard	run	ran
leave	left	give	gave
meet	met	have	had
put	put	has	had
read	read	Forms of <i>be</i>	
ride	rode	Present Tense	Past Tense
teach	taught	am	was
say	said	are	were
write	wrote	is	was

In many cases the vowel or vowels in the middle of the word change. In other cases, such as *go/went*, the word changes completely. Sometimes the word's spelling does not change at all, as with *put/put* and *read/read*. With *put*, both the present and past forms of the word are said the same way. With *read/read*, the present tense is pronounced /reed/, and the past tense is pronounced /red/.

Test Example

1. Read the sentence.

I _____ to the gym every day last month.

Which word correctly completes the sentence?

- A. go
B. goed
C. went
D. wented

C. The sentence needs a verb in the past tense because it describes something that happened yesterday. The past tense of *go* is *went*.

Hint

Dictionary entries provide the correct past tense of verbs.

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1 Read the sentence.

Sonja _____ her husband two years ago.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. meet
- B. meets
- C. met
- D. metted

2 Read the sentence.

I _____ my motorbike almost every day as a child.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. ride
- B. rode
- C. reed
- D. rided

3 Read the sentence.

I _____ my lunch to work each day last week.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. bring
- B. brung
- C. brought
- D. broughted

4 Read the sentence.

Do you remember what the teacher _____ yesterday?

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. say
- B. says
- C. sayed
- D. said

5 Read the sentence.

Javier _____ a nurse five years ago.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. became
- B. become
- C. becomed
- D. becomes

6 Read the sentence.

My mother _____ school for twenty-five years.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. teach
- B. taught
- C. teached
- D. taughted

7 Read the sentence.

During yesterday's test, I thought hard and wrote my answers carefully.

What change is needed to make the sentence correct?

- A. Change *thought* to *think*.
- B. Change *thought* to *thoughted*.
- C. Change *writed* to *write*.
- D. Change *writed* to *wrote*.

8 Read the sentence.

When I runned to the bus stop, the bag I was carrying ripped and spilled.

What change is needed to make the sentence correct?

- A. Change *runned* to *ran*.
- B. Change *runned* to *ranned*.
- C. Change *ripped* to *riped*.
- D. Change *spilled* to *spull*.

9 Read the sentence.

Earlier today I _____ several finches eating from the bird feeder.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. see
- B. sed
- C. seed
- D. saw

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- 1 Read the sentence.
I _____ my brother that I would help him with his application forms.
Which verb correctly completes the sentence?
A. telld
B. telled
C. told
D. tolled
- 2 Read the sentence.
Saanvi's alarm _____ promptly at 6:00 a.m.
Which verb correctly completes the sentence?
A. rang
B. ringed
C. ringd
D. reng
- 3 Read the sentence.
Hiroshi tidied up his desk and then _____ the office.
Which verb correctly completes the sentence?
A. leaved
B. left
C. lefted
D. leavd
- 4 Read the sentence.
I blew on the hot sandwich to cool it down and then bited into it.
What change is needed to make the sentence correct?
A. Change *blew* to *blowed*.
B. Change *blew* to *blewed*.
C. Change *bited* to *bit*.
D. Change *bited* to *bitted*.
- 5 Read the sentence.
Yesterday, I _____ in the crowded laundromat for three hours.
Which verb correctly completes the sentence?
A. was
B. amed
C. beed
D. ared
- 6 Read the sentence.
Luis cooked a big batch of soup, ate one bowl, and froze the leftovers.
What change is needed to make the sentence correct?
A. Change *cooked* to *cok*.
B. Change *eated* to *ate*.
C. Change *eated* to *ated*.
D. Change *froze* to *frozod*.
- 7 Read the sentence.
I _____ my name to the receptionist and then waited for the dentist to see me.
Which verb correctly completes the sentence?
A. givd
B. gived
C. gove
D. gave
- 8 Read the sentence.
Last night, I _____ the strips of fabric, and today I will sew them according to the pattern.
Which verb correctly completes the sentence?
A. cutted
B. cutt
C. cut
D. cutd

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9 Read the sentence.

Yesterday, the grocery store was so crowded that I _____ in line for nearly 15 minutes.

Which verb correctly completes the sentence?

- A. standed
- B. stood
- C. standd
- D. stould

10 Read the sentence.

The instructor began to speak, and we all listened carefully.

What change is needed to make the sentence correct?

- A. Change *beginned* to *began*.
- B. Change *beginned* to *begined*.
- C. Change *listened* to *listan*.
- D. Change *listened* to *listenn*.

11 Read the sentence.

Uba was so tired that she slept soundly, even when fireworks went off only a block away.

What change is needed to make the sentence correct?

- A. Change *sleeped* to *slept*.
- B. Change *sleeped* to *slept*.
- C. Change *went* to *goed*.
- D. Change *went* to *gone*.

12 Read the sentence.

The first time I met Henri, I _____ we would become good friends.

Which verb correctly completes the sentence?

- A. knowed
- B. knowd
- C. knuw
- D. knew

13 Read the sentence.

I _____ the apartment on the first floor rather than the third floor so it would be easier to carry in packages.

Which verb correctly completes the sentence?

- A. choosed
- B. chews
- C. chose
- D. chows

14 Read the sentence.

I almost _____ to pack an umbrella, but my sister reminded me.

Which verb correctly completes the sentence?

- A. forgetted
- B. forgetd
- C. forgotted
- D. forgot

15 Read the sentence.

Malaya _____ the phone ring and ran to pick it up.

Which verb correctly completes the sentence?

- A. heard
- B. heared
- C. hearn
- D. hered

16 Read the sentences.

Last week, Jacy accidentally teared some of the pages in his book. He read the whole thing anyway.

What change is needed to make the sentences correct?

- A. Change *teared* to *torn*.
- B. Change *teared* to *tore*.
- C. Change *read* to *readed*.
- D. Change *read* to *reded*.

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1. C. *Met* is the past-tense form of *meet*.
2. B. *Rode* is the past-tense form of *ride*.
3. C. *Brought* is the past-tense form of *bring*.
4. D. *Said* is the past-tense form of *say*.
5. A. *Became* is the past-tense form of *become*.
6. B. *Taught* is the past-tense form of *teach*.
7. D. *Wrote* is the past-tense form of *write*.
8. A. *Ran* is the past-tense form of *run*.
9. D. *Saw* is the past-tense form of *see*.

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1. C. *Told* is the correct past-tense form of the irregular verb *tell*.
2. A. *Rang* is the correct past-tense form of the irregular verb *ring*.
3. B. *Left* is the correct past-tense form of the irregular verb *leave*.
4. C. *Bited* is incorrect. The past-tense form of *bite* is *bit*.
5. A. *Was* is the correct past-tense form of the irregular verb *be*.
6. B. *Eated* is incorrect. The past-tense form of *eat* is *ate*.
7. D. *Gave* is the correct past-tense form of the irregular verb *give*.
8. C. *Cut* is the correct past-tense form of the irregular verb *cut*. *Cut* keeps the same form in present tense and in past tense.
9. B. *Stood* is the correct past-tense form of the irregular verb *stand*.
10. A. *Beginned* is incorrect. The past-tense form of *begin* is *began*.
11. B. *Sleeped* is incorrect. The past-tense form of *sleep* is *slept*.
12. D. *Knew* is the correct past-tense form of the irregular verb *know*.
13. C. *Chose* is the correct past-tense form of the irregular verb *choose*.
14. D. *Forgot* is the correct past-tense form of the irregular verb *forget*.
15. A. *Heard* is the correct past-tense form of the irregular verb *hear*.
16. B. *Teared* is incorrect. The past-tense form of *tear* is *tore*.