

List of Irregular Verbs: Study and Practice the Top 50

Study this list of irregular verbs. Then fill in the blanks of the two stories with the past tense form of these irregular verbs. Use the verb in parentheses () after each blank.

1. be (am/is/are)-- was/were become-- became
2. begin -- began
3. break-- broke
4. bring-- brought
5. buy-- bought
6. come-- came
7. cost-- cost
8. cut-- cut
9. do-- did
10. drink-- drank
11. drive-- drove
12. eat-- ate
13. fall-- fell
14. feel-- felt
15. find-- found
16. fight-- fought
17. get-- got
18. give-- gave
19. go-- went
20. grow-- grew
21. have (3rd person sing.: has)-- had
22. hear-- heard
23. hold-- held
24. keep-- kept
25. know-- knew
26. lead-- led
27. leave-- left
28. let-- let
29. make-- made
30. meet-- met

31. pay-- paid
32. put-- put
33. read (pronounced 'reed')-- read (pronounced 'red')
34. run-- ran
35. say-- said
36. see-- saw
37. sell-- sold
38. send--sent
39. set-- set
40. sit-- sat
41. speak-- spoke
42. stand-- stood
43. take-- took
44. teach-- taught
45. tell-- told
46. think-- thought
47. understand-- understood
48. win-- won
49. write-- wrote

Practice the Top 50 Irregular Verbs

Before she _____ (get) sick, Marie often _____ (go) to swap meets. (Swap meets are outdoor markets where many people sell new or used things. People like to shop at swap meets because prices are often much lower than in stores.) Marie _____ (buy) things that _____ (be-plural) inexpensive, and she _____ (take) them to a different swap meet and _____ (sell) them for a little more. She usually _____ (make) a profit, though she _____ (have) a few bad experiences.

One time someone _____ (give) her counterfeit (fake) money when he _____ (pay) for the item he wanted. After that she looked carefully at money before she _____ (take) it. Another day she _____ (set) a beautiful glass vase that _____ (cost) her a lot too near the edge of her sales table. It _____ (fall) off the table and _____ (break), so she _____ (lose) all the money she _____ (spend) to buy it.

One day Marie _____ (eat) some bad meat. She _____ (feel) sick so she _____ (go) home and rested. Rest _____ (do) not help at all. She just _____ (get) worse. After several days she called the hospital and _____ (speak) to a nurse. The nurse _____ (say), "I think you have food poisoning. You need someone to drive you to the hospital right away." So Maria's sister _____ (come) and _____ (drive) her to the hospital.

At the hospital, the doctor (tell) _____ her that she had gotten dehydrated. So she _____ (drink) lots of water and broth and _____ (take) all the medicine the doctor _____ (give) her. Finally she _____ (be) better, and the doctor _____ (let) her leave the hospital. Her sister _____ (come) and _____ (take) her home. She finally _____ (leave) the hospital a week after she arrived. She _____ (keep) telling her sister how glad she _____ (feel) to go home!

After her illness, Marie _____ (be) weaker. She could not walk around the swap meet anymore. Even when she just _____ (sell) things she already _____ (have), it _____ (be) too hard for her. When she _____ (stand) very long at her sales table, she _____ (get) tired. So she _____ (bring) a chair and _____ (sit) while she worked. But she _____ (find) that even driving to the swap meet and setting up her stand _____ (make) her too tired. The doctor _____ (say) to her, "If you want to get better, you need to stay home for a while."

Marie stayed home and rested. She _____ (read) books and _____ (see) her favorite shows on T.V. She _____ (get) cards from her friends that _____ (hear) she had been sick. But after a week Marie _____ (do) not want to read or watch T.V. anymore. She _____ (be) bored.

Marie missed the people she _____ (meet) at the swap meet. So she _____ (get) a computer and _____ (make) some friends online. She _____ (tell) them, "Even if I can't sell things, I can still talk to people!"

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