

# IRREGULAR VERBS – EXERCISE 1

**Directions:** Choose the correct verb for the items below. Check your answers with the [interactive version](#) of the exercise.

1. When Mom \_\_\_\_\_ out the kitchen rug, dog hair, breadcrumbs, coffee grounds, and spaghetti noodles flew through the air and dusted the sidewalk.  
  
A. shaked  
B. shook  
C. had shook
  
2. At the back of the lab, Glenn decorated the margins of his biology textbook with caricatures. When test time arrives, Glenn will wish that he had \_\_\_\_\_ the different cell types that Professor Shuman was explaining to the class.  
  
A. drawn  
B. drawed  
C. drew
  
3. Theodore bought beautiful roses for Glenda, his date. Because he did not have a vase, he rinsed out a peanut butter jar. After Theodore \_\_\_\_\_ Glenda's reaction to the arrangement, he realized that he had made a poor first impression.  
  
A. saw  
B. had saw  
C. seen

4. Jennifer has discovered that hanging clothes outside to dry has its disadvantages. Recently, a spider crept into a pair of her jeans and \_\_\_\_\_ a day biting the "intruder"—Jennifer's bare leg—that had invaded the arachnid's new home.
- A. spend
  - B. spended
  - C. spent
5. Professor Ayer \_\_\_\_\_ several deep breaths to keep from exploding at Jerry, whose excuse for missing yet another class was that Grandma had died—for the fifth time in one semester!
- A. taked
  - B. took
  - C. tooked
6. Diane always wonders where she will next discover a pair of her husband's dirty socks. Yesterday Mike \_\_\_\_\_ two in the refrigerator next to a carton of orange juice.
- A. leaved
  - B. leaft
  - C. left
7. When Richie jammed the photocopier for the eighth time, Sharon, the administrative assistant, picked up a heavy stapler and \_\_\_\_\_ it at his head.
- A. through
  - B. throwed
  - C. threw

8. Because her hands were still slippery with soap, Marilyn dropped the watermelon, which \_\_\_\_\_ on the floor in an explosion of pulp and seeds.
- A. busted
  - B. bust
  - C. burst
9. On his way to an interview, Geraldo stepped in gum. Nervous about the meeting, he failed to notice the candy wrapper and leaves that \_\_\_\_\_ to his shoe as he walked from the parking garage to the lobby.
- A. sticked
  - B. stuck
  - C. stucked
10. On Christmas Eve, Captain Beane wore a pair of antlers while greeting passengers boarding his 727. The costume \_\_\_\_\_ little trust in Louise, whose fear of flying required a *serious* pilot.
- A. built
  - B. build
  - C. builded
11. Jim would have \_\_\_\_\_ the difficult and dirty job of cleaning the slimy gutters if the blue sky, seventy-degree weather, and new titanium graphite driver had not summoned him to the golf course.
- A. began
  - B. begun
  - C. beganned

12. After losing electricity during the hurricane, the Martinez family \_\_\_\_\_ candles, speared hot dogs on pencils, and roasted the wieners over this makeshift barbecue.
- A. lit
  - B. lited
  - C. litted
13. Because Nigel had \_\_\_\_\_ to the supermarket with this week's grocery money, Shirley expected him to return with bread, milk, and other essentials. Boy, was she angry when he came home with fifty dollars worth of losing lottery tickets!
- A. gone
  - B. went
  - C. goed
14. When Henry opened the vegetable crisper at the bottom of the refrigerator, the puddle of rotting lettuce that he discovered \_\_\_\_\_ up the kitchen for the rest of the day.
- A. stinked
  - B. stank
  - C. stanked
15. Whenever Mike \_\_\_\_\_ his Cessna 152, a small airplane, he worried about running out of fuel, hitting birds, and being abducted by alien spaceships.
- A. flied
  - B. flown
  - C. flew

16. Audrey had just \_\_\_\_\_ into her first forkful of omelet when she noticed mushrooms in the egg. Because she was highly allergic to this vegetable, she had to spit the mouthful into her napkin, wiping her tongue with a clean corner.
- A. bited
  - B. bitt
  - C. bitten
17. Maria \_\_\_\_\_ from the cold glass of soda, trying to extinguish the anger that, lava-like, threatened to explode at her husband Darren, who had spent the day watching college football instead of mowing the lawn.
- A. drinked
  - B. drank
  - C. drunk
18. Raphael would have \_\_\_\_\_ jeans and a T-shirt to the interview if he thought such attire would land him the job. Because he knew better, Raphael struggled into a scratchy suit that made him feel as though ants were crawling over his skin.
- A. wore
  - B. worn
  - C. worned
19. At first, Rose \_\_\_\_\_ to tolerate Simon's lack of punctuality. His good looks compensated for her having to wait an extra ten or fifteen minutes. But once Simon's tardiness hit half an hour, Rose dumped him for a boyfriend who looked at his watch.
- A. chose
  - B. choose
  - C. choosed

20. One spring Joe \_\_\_\_\_ tomatoes in the backyard; pollution, insects, and weekend badminton matches did so much damage to the poor plants that Joe went back to buying canned tomatoes at the grocery store.

- A. grew
- B. had grew
- C. grewed

