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Using Irregular Verbs – Exercise 2

This handout accompanies Exercise 2 of *Grammar Bytes!* Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: <http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm>

Directions: Choose the correct verb for the sentences below.

1. A strong wind _____ through the trees, loosening clumps of moss, dead branches, old kites, and baby squirrels, all of which fell to the wet ground below.
A. had blew
B. blew
C. blowed
2. Charlie believed that he had _____ the best essay of the semester, but when Mrs. Varner returned the paper, the slashes of red ink and caustic comments immediately changed his opinion of the work.
A. wrote
B. wroten
C. written
3. Becky had both an empty wallet and stomach, so she _____ a chocolate bar from the candy rack. The ensuing guilt was harder to tolerate than her growling belly.
A. stole
B. had stole
C. stealed
4. In her dreams that night, Diana had _____ in a pool of warm cocoa; when she awoke, the aroma of chocolate still tickled her nostrils.
A. swimmmed
B. swam
C. swum
5. Chauncey would have _____ some of the squid eyeball stew if a long, gray tentacle hadn't dangled over the side of the bowl.
A. ate
B. eaten
C. eaten

6. My grandmother doesn't trust banks, so she has _____ money all over the house. Once, I pulled an old *Reader's Digest* off a shelf and found seven \$100 bills stuck between the pages.
- A. hid
 - B. hiden
 - C. hidden
7. George would have _____ to class sooner, but a beautiful woman was listening to him lie about his fat wallet and hot car, and he couldn't tear himself away from the conversation.
- A. came
 - B. come
 - C. commed
8. If Eli hadn't escaped to the kitchen to cool down, he would have _____ a heavy plate over the head of Mrs. Jones, who sent back her chicken for the fourth time.
- A. broken
 - B. broke
 - C. braked
9. Dashing down the hallway, Tuan slipped in a puddle of soda and crashed into the water fountain. His elbow and nose _____ for the rest of the day.
- A. hurt
 - B. hurted
 - C. had hurted
10. Giselle dreaded attending her US Government class. Whenever Dr. Duncan called on her, Giselle felt as if she had _____ in her chair; she couldn't open her mouth, let alone answer one of his questions.
- A. freezed
 - B. froze
 - C. frozen
11. A thin stray kitten cried outside the back door. Because Rebecca felt sorry for the poor animal, she _____ it some leftover ravioli, the only food she had in the refrigerator.
- A. fed
 - B. fead
 - C. feeded
12. Last week, Hector had _____ his girlfriend Gloria an expensive gold necklace. When he saw her flirting with Omar, Hector knew that he should have purchased new rims for his car instead.
- A. gived
 - B. gave
 - C. given

13. Because Kerri Ann _____ all of her biology homework, she spent the rest of the evening with her friends. The next morning, when Dr. Wright passed out the difficult pop quiz, Kerri Ann realized that her books should have been her only company.
- A. done
 - B. had done
 - C. had did
14. On his way to an interview, Gonzalo _____ a hot dog to quiet his rumbling stomach. While he was wolfing down this quick meal, yellow mustard dripped all over the front of his crisp white shirt.
- A. buyed
 - B. baught
 - C. bought
15. Omar woke up before dawn and drove to Daytona Beach. As the sun _____ over the ocean, he watched the water sparkle like the beautiful diamond earrings he had given his girlfriend Gloria, who then dumped him for a new boyfriend with a higher credit card limit.
- A. rised
 - B. raised
 - C. rose
16. Dan would have _____ his new truck to the grocery store if he hadn't been so worried that a loose can of peas might roll around in the bed and chip the pristine green paint.
- A. drived
 - B. drove
 - C. driven
17. For weeks, Judi searched cookbooks and culinary magazines for the recipe to make squid eyeball stew. Finally, she _____ the instructions at www.eatmoresquid.com, a web site dedicated to preparing this sea delicacy.
- A. finded
 - B. found
 - C. founded
18. After cooking all night, Paulette _____ a huge platter of chocolate-broccoli muffins to the meeting. Everyone enjoyed the delicious combination of tastes while getting the daily dose of vitamin C.
- A. braught
 - B. brought
 - C. brang

19. When Mr. Tighe saw Julie using *Moby-Dick* as a coaster for a sweating glass of cold soda, he _____ down his briefcase and lectured the poor woman on showing proper respect for great literature.
- A. threw
 - B. through
 - C. threw
20. Jim's last temper tantrum _____ \$200. He had thrown an expensive titanium three-wood into the golf course lake, and his wife Nancy insisted that he hire a scuba diver to retrieve it.
- A. cost
 - B. coss
 - C. costed



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