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Using Irregular Verbs – Exercise 4

This handout accompanies Exercise 4 of *Grammar Bytes!* Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: <http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm>

Directions: Each item below contains three underlined verbs. Fix the **one** that is formed incorrectly.

1. Rachel would have wrote a better essay for Mr. Parker, but she drank a double espresso and found that she had too much energy to sit still at a computer.
2. Miguel bursted out laughing when he saw that Rey, his ferocious Chihuahua, had bitten the seat of Julio's jeans and hung on as Julio danced around the kitchen, trying to shake off the little dog.
3. Danny loved going to the beach. He watched beautiful women in skimpy bikinis, ate fresh seafood, and swum in the refreshing water. After a shark bit his leg, however, Danny preferred the pool at his apartment complex.
4. Cristie would have chose a less expensive dinner, but when she saw squid eyeball stew on the menu, she knew that she had found the perfect thing to eat.
5. Because Jonathon had forgotten to bring his wallet to school, he buyed a bag of corn chips instead of the Salisbury steak with mashed potatoes, the lunch special that caught his eye.
6. Keila knew that she had many misspelled words in her essay, so she digged around in her book bag, searching for her dictionary. She found instead a Snicker's bar, which she ate, hoping that the sugar rush would help her brain remember the right combination of letters.
7. After a long day of mowing lawns, Kevin was truly exhausted. He sat slumped in his chair, and even if you had put a handful of scorpions down his shirt, he would not have rose to shake them out.
8. When Fabiana flied from Dallas to Orlando, the plane hit such a bad patch of turbulence that the passengers felt as if they were riding Space Mountain at Disney World.

9. On Sunday Michael **spent** the afternoon waxing his new car. If he **had knew** about the two pop quizzes on Monday, he **would have given** his algebra problems and accounting spreadsheets more attention.
10. Larry **stuck** a dead grasshopper in the cake batter and then **put** the pan into the hot oven to bake. He planned to serve a slice to his little sister Stephanie, who **had tore** his favorite basketball jersey.
11. Even though Frances **had already ate**, she stopped at the food court and **bought** a slice of pizza. She wanted an opportunity to smile at the cute young man who **ran** the register.
12. Danielle hated to see her brother Tim walk into the diner where she worked. He always **brought** his obnoxious friends, **payed** for his meal with pennies, and then **left** huge puddles of ketchup at his table.
13. Unaware that his alarm clock **had not rung** at 6 a.m., Levi **slept** under the warm blankets while Dr. Ribley **tought** the semester's most difficult algebra concept to the students who had arrived on time.
14. Obviously Alicia **had chose** the most difficult English teacher in the whole school. During the semester with Mr. Hayden, Alicia wrote twenty essays and studied grammar rules until she **thought** her head **would burst**.
15. Because Tran **knew** that a strong chemistry background was essential for a future pharmacist, she **rose** from her warm bed and **begun** studying her notes for another test.
16. To avoid being stung, Kasey spilled a small amount of soda on the picnic table; the wasps that **flew** around the campsite **left** him alone and **drunk** from the sweet puddle.
17. The hungry shark **swam** beneath the unsuspecting surfer and **began** to position itself for an attack. Then the fish noticed the hot pink toenail polish on the foot that dangled over the surfboard and **losed** its appetite.
18. At the beginning of class, Matt realized that he **had forgotten** the essay he **had wrote** at 4 a.m., so he smeared blood-like streaks of red pen at the corners of his mouth and told his instructor, Dr. Borglum, that muggers **had beaten** him up before stealing his backpack.

19. My cat Buster leapt onto the wobbly table to escape Oreo, the dog, who ran in tight circles, trying to bite Buster's tail, which hanged over the side.
20. David was so hungry that he fought his brother for the container of leftovers, teared off the lid, and ate the cold meatloaf and congealed gravy right out of the plastic.



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