

# IRREGULAR VERBS – EXERCISE 3

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

1. Sherry should have \_\_\_\_\_ the truth. Then poor Rebecca would have declined a bowl of soup instead of vomiting in the bathroom once she learned the recipe included half a cup of frog tongues.  
  
A. telled  
B. told  
C. told
2. While Allison gripped the roof's edge, she no longer resented the many hours that her boyfriend Chris spent in the gym. After all, his strong arms would catch her when she loosened her grip and \_\_\_\_\_ to the ground below.  
  
A. fell  
B. falled  
C. had fallen
3. Mauricio would have \_\_\_\_\_ the seven-foot wave into shore if a huge shark had not been patrolling the waters underneath the surfboard, hungry for a dangling arm or leg.  
  
A. rode  
B. rided  
C. ridden

4. If Carlos had known that hail the size of golf balls would fall later that day, he would have \_\_\_\_\_ his shoulder pads and football helmet instead of his one good suit.
- A. worn
  - B. wore
  - C. weared
5. Using bites of bologna as bribes, Diane convinced Reliable, her beagle, to lie still, and then she \_\_\_\_\_ each of his eighteen toenails.
- A. cut
  - B. cutted
  - C. cuted
6. At the beginning of the semester, Joyce anticipated learning about Egyptian archeology. Her interest \_\_\_\_\_, however, as the monotonous lectures of Professor Nelson provided facts dustier than mummy wrappings.
- A. shranked
  - B. shrank
  - C. shrunck
7. Without stopping for breath, Mervina, the neighborhood gossip, \_\_\_\_\_ Kishana up on the neighborhood news, including Sherry's disastrous dinner party, where the frog tongue soup sent five guests to the local emergency room.
- A. cought
  - B. caught
  - C. caughted

8. After Professor Curall \_\_\_\_\_ irregular verb forms in her writing class, she discovered that the frequency of *tooked* and *weared* declined in her students' essays.
- A. tought
  - B. taught
  - C. teached
9. While crawling along in rush-hour traffic, Kay cranked up her car stereo and \_\_\_\_\_ the lyrics to "Back in Black" with AC/DC, oblivious to the scowls of annoyance from the other drivers trapped beside her.
- A. singed
  - B. shung
  - C. sang
10. Because Henry enjoyed impressing his girlfriend Gloria, he \_\_\_\_\_ for the expensive dinner with his brand new credit card; he would worry about the shocking statement when it arrived in the mail next month.
- A. payed
  - B. had payed
  - C. paid
11. To ensure that the ragged edges of his essay did not inspire Professor Varner's rage, Jack carefully \_\_\_\_\_ the fuzzies from the sheets of paper.
- A. tore
  - B. had torn
  - C. teared

12. If Tyree had \_\_\_\_\_ how beautiful the substitute teacher was going to be, he would have prepared his math homework—instead of an arsenal of spitballs—to impress her with his intelligence.
- A. knowed
  - B. known
  - C. knew
13. With a hotdog, Dris \_\_\_\_\_ Butler, her bulldog, to the car but could not get him onto the backseat; Butler sensed a trip to the vet and refused to budge.
- A. lead
  - B. leaded
  - C. led
14. Tikeja \_\_\_\_\_ Michael's forehead to confirm his fever. When cool skin met her touch, she knew her little brother was faking an illness to get out of helping her rake the big backyard.
- A. feeled
  - B. feld
  - C. felt
15. Thrashing on the surface of the lake, a huge catfish \_\_\_\_\_ Reggie's fishing pole almost to the point of breaking. Reggie fought on, images of fried fillets making his mouth water.
- A. bended
  - B. had bended
  - C. bent

16. Tiffany \_\_\_\_\_ through all of Professor Olefke's 8 a.m. astronomy lectures; at the end of the semester, she would have a better chance escaping the gravity of a black hole than passing the course.
- A. slept
  - B. sleapt
  - C. slepted
17. The telephone \_\_\_\_\_ twelve times before Pablo finally lifted the receiver. He prayed the call was from a salesperson and not his psycho ex-girlfriend Maria.
- A. rung
  - B. rang
  - C. ringed
18. While Clive stood on top of the fire ant mound, several of the insects crawled over his shoes and \_\_\_\_\_ him on the ankles, sending the poor boy dancing around the yard while slapping at his legs.
- A. stinged
  - B. stang
  - C. stung
19. Jeanne \_\_\_\_\_ her house of twenty years with great misgivings; she worried that the new owners would dig up the bones of her beloved cat, Emmy Lou, to put a pool or rose garden in the backyard.
- A. selled
  - B. sold
  - C. sole

20. Melissa dug in her heels and \_\_\_\_\_ the leash with both hands; Mellie, her Labrador retriever, saw children playing Frisbee down the street and wanted desperately to chase the flying red disk.

- A. held
- B. healt
- C. holded

