

# IRREGULAR VERBS –

## EXERCISE 5

**Directions:** Each item below contains three underlined verbs. Fix the **one** that is formed incorrectly. Check your answers with the [interactive version](#) of the exercise.

1. Madison slept at the very edge of the bed, one leg dangling over the side, because Yo-Yo, her little dog, lay stretched out in the middle of the quilt and bitt any limb that invaded her territory.
2. After bumping the wobbly table, Neil cought the box of doughnuts before it hit the floor, but no one drank juice that morning because the carton exploded in a spray of orange on the kitchen tile.
3. Jim would have driven faster if his mother had took her own car to the mall. Instead, she rode with him, criticizing his every decision and shrieking hysterically whenever he ran a yellow light.
4. All of Charlie' hopes sinked when the telephone rang and the beautiful Delores told the eager young man that she did not have time to study calculus that evening.
5. Wendy red each Cliff's Notes title on the rack, hoping to spot *Moby-Dick*. She finally found a booklet stuffed among the guides to *Hamlet* and bought it without regret, for she could not stomach another minute of the exhausting novel.
6. If Eli cooked and ate the half head of raw cabbage (the only item in the refrigerator), he knew that he would burp through his date with Amy, so he drived to the food store and bought a box of macaroni and cheese to fix instead.

7. Bryan **had had** enough of his sister's loud stereo and bad taste in music, so he **went** to her room, banged on the door, and **told** Melissa that if she refused to reduce the volume, then he would return with his baseball bat to pound her boom box into little bits.
8. Marsha sat at the dining room table, wondering (and worrying) what dish her husband might serve. Brent's refusal to use measuring devices **ment** that her tongue either **leapt** in surprise at the excessive seasoning or **lay** in her mouth, bored with the bland taste.
9. Latoya **would have swum** farther, but a cramp **stang** her side, so she **rode** a wave into shore and spent the afternoon watching handsome young men parading on the beach.
10. Although Leroy **has read** travel books about every exotic country imaginable, he refuses to visit in person. He worries that he **might be stinged** by a poisonous spider, **bitten** by a deadly snake, or convinced to order pickled monkey brains at a restaurant where he does not know the language.
11. At the coffee house table, Willie **spread** out his laptop computer, cell phone, and smart watch. He **gived** the impression that he had important business, but in truth, he **wrote** love letters to his girlfriend, counting the minutes until she returned his phone call.
12. Kareem **drank** the hot tea that Sarah **laid** on the counter. Although the steaming liquid burned his throat, it did erase the terrible taste of the squid eyeball stew that he **had ate**.
13. Maria **knowed** the futility of her task that October afternoon. As she **swept** off the front sidewalk, more leaves **fell** from the trees overhead, sprinkling the concrete with color.

14. My cat Fuzz **sprang** onto the kitchen counter, **strode** to the sink, and **flinged** herself onto the cool porcelain for an afternoon nap. Only here was she safe from the pursuit of Oreo, the dog.
15. At the video arcade, Jeremy wished that he **had slew** the giant mutant tomatoes on level one. Then he **would not have fought** the kamikaze pickles on level two and **could have kept** his grape bombs for the ninja carrots on level three.
16. Christine **wrang** her hands as she listened to Professor Armour's lecture about tardiness. Although Christine **swore** to her algebra teacher that she would never be late again, everyone in the class knew that when the alarm clock **rang** the next morning, Christine would hit the snooze button one time too many.
17. With regret, Jack **slung** the heavy backpack over his shoulders and **fleed** the cold library. If he **had brought** a jacket, he could have continued fantasizing about the cute librarian at the reference desk.
18. A tantalizing smell **had drawn** Richard to the edge of his neighbor's yard. Finally, temptation **winned**, and he **crept** across the lawn to the open window, where he spied chocolate-broccoli muffins cooling on the kitchen counter.
19. Juan **herd** his mother calling from down the street but **chose** to ignore her summons. Although he **knew** that she would be angry about his late arrival for dinner, he had to finish his inspection of the dead toad on the sidewalk.
20. Christine **sprang** out of the bed and saw bright sunlight streaming through the windows. She knew that Professor Armour would not tolerate another late, so Christine **leapt** back under the covers and **sleapt** until noon.

