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Basics: Past Simple - Irregular Verbs

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1. Select the correct option for each blank to complete the camper's thrilling blog post about a night in the woods.

I barely _____ at all last night. Around 2:00 AM, I _____ up to a strange scratching noise outside my tent. Thankfully, it was just a raccoon looking for snacks!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) slept
B) sleeped
C) sleep

Blank 2

A) woke
B) waked
C) wake

2. Complete the hero's slightly exaggerated retelling of the incident with the correct word.

"My phone slipped off the balcony, but I lunged forward and ___ it right before it hit the ground!"

Select one.

A) catched
B) catch
C) caught
D) catching

3. Finish the text message to a sympathetic friend by selecting the correct verb form.

"I completely ruined the mood on my date last night. I ___ a documentary about insects instead of a romantic comedy."

Select one.

A) choose
B) choosed
C) chosen
D) chose

4. Complete the guilty dog's confession! Select ALL the verbs that correctly and grammatically complete the sentence.

"I am so sorry, but I _____ your math homework in the garden yesterday!"

Select all that apply.

A) hid
B) left
C) put
D) hided
E) leaved

5. Select the correct option for each blank to complete the teen's dramatic text message to her best friend about a fashion disaster.

You won't believe my bad luck! I _____ the most amazing vintage jacket at the mall yesterday. I wore it immediately, but as I was leaving, I _____ the zipper on the bus door and ripped the sleeve!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** bought
- **B)** buyed
- **C)** buy

Blank 2

- **A)** caught
- **B)** catch
- **C)** catched

6. Help the hungry roommate complete their tragic kitchen diary by choosing the correct past tense verb for each blank.

Yesterday, my roommate _____ a fancy recipe book and _____ the cooking bug. Unfortunately, he _____ a chocolate cake that looked beautiful but tasted exactly like an old shoe.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** buyed
- **B)** buys
- **C)** bought

Blank 2

- **A)** catched
- **B)** catches
- **C)** caught

Blank 3

- **A)** maked
- **B)** making
- **C)** made

7. Help the confused roommate piece together last night's events by choosing the correct verb.

"I have no idea why a giant inflatable dinosaur arrived today. I think I ___ it online at 2:00 AM."

Select one.

- **A)** bought
- **B)** buyed
- **C)** buy
- **D)** buying

8. Fill in the gaps in this nature lover's chaotic camping blog post by choosing the correct past tense form for each gap.

We _____ deep into the forest and proudly set up our fancy new tent. During the night, however, a massive raccoon _____ into our camp and _____ absolutely all of our marshmallows!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** drived
- **B)** driven
- **C)** drove

Blank 2

- **A)** come
- **B)** coming
- **C)** came

Blank 3

- **A)** eaten
- **B)** eated
- **C)** ate

9. Read the wizard's diary entry. Choose ALL the sentences that correctly use the past tense.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I drank a glowing green potion for breakfast.
- **B)** I weared my favorite, sparkly purple robe.
- **C)** I read a fascinating spellbook about dragons.
- **D)** I throwed my noisy alarm clock out the window.

10. Select the correct option for each blank to complete the traveler's postcard home describing a chaotic start to their trip.

Greetings from Europe! We finally _____ to Paris on Tuesday. The trip almost didn't happen because Dad _____ his passport on the kitchen counter and we had to turn the car around!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** flew
- **B)** flyed
- **C)** flown

Blank 2

- **A)** forgot
- **B)** forgetted
- **C)** forget

11. Choose the correct verbs to help the panicking student complete his email to the professor.

Dear Professor,
I am so sorry I don't have my essay today. First, my dog _____ my printed homework right off the kitchen table. Then, in my rush to get to campus, I _____ my backpack on the bus!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** eats
- **B)** ate
- **C)** eaten

Blank 2

- **A)** lose
- **B)** losed
- **C)** lost

12. Help the food critic review their notes! Select ALL the grammatically correct sentences about the disastrous dinner.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The chef caught the kitchen towel on fire.
- **B)** The waiter bringed the wrong soup.
- **C)** I ate three slices of bread while waiting.
- **D)** We leaved the restaurant very hungry.

13. Complete the student's incredibly unbelievable excuse to the professor by choosing the appropriate verb for each gap.

I am so sorry I missed class! I _____ my house right on time, but I _____ a lost penguin waiting at the bus stop. While I was taking a picture, a wizard _____ my backpack!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** leaved
- **B)** leaving
- **C)** left

Blank 2

- **A)** seen
- **B)** sees
- **C)** saw

Blank 3

- **A)** stolen
- **B)** stealed
- **C)** stole

14. The astronaut is sending a report back to Earth. Select ALL the sentences that have the correct past tense verbs.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** We saw a strange, shiny rock near the crater.
- **B)** I took fifty pictures of the red landscape.
- **C)** The commander finded an old alien candy wrapper.
- **D)** We drived the rover into a deep ditch.

15. Read this proud pet owner's social media update and select the correct word to fill in the blank.

"Instead of studying for my finals this weekend, I ___ my dog how to high-five."

Select one.

- **A)** teached
- **B)** taught
- **C)** teach
- **D)** was teach