Past Tense, Irregular Verbs

Rules: The past tense is used to tell about something that already happened.

The regular past tense is formed by adding \textit{ed} to the end of the verb.

Example: walk \quad \textit{walked}

Irregular verbs are verbs that do not add \textit{ed} to the end of the verb to make the past tense.

Here are some ways that irregular verbs form the irregular past tense.

Sometimes the vowel and some consonants are changed.

Example: buy \quad \textit{bought}

Sometimes the word stays the same.

Example: cut \quad \textit{cut}

Sometimes the entire word changes.

Example: go \quad \textit{went}
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Rule: Some irregular verbs form the past tense by changing the vowel to o.

Here are some examples.

- wake \(\rightarrow\) woke
- ride \(\rightarrow\) rode
- write \(\rightarrow\) wrote
- drive \(\rightarrow\) drove
- wear \(\rightarrow\) wore
- break \(\rightarrow\) broke
- speak \(\rightarrow\) spoke

Here is how the past tense forms of these irregular verbs are used in sentences.

1. I woke up early this morning.
2. She rode her bike home yesterday.
3. Jill wrote them a letter.
4. Dad drove to work.
5. We wore the same shirt again.
6. The vase broke.
7. The teacher spoke to us.
Write the past tense for these irregular verbs.

Example:   break   broke

1. ride   
2. wake   
3. speak   
4. drive   
5. wear   
6. write   

Circle the irregular verb in each sentence.

Example:  We rode together.

1. She wrote a list.
2. The toy broke.
3. I rode a horse for the first time.
4. We drove a camper to Nevada.
5. The nurse spoke softly.
6. Dad woke up from his nap.
7. Pam wore her new shoes.
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Rewrite each sentence. Change the underlined verb to the past tense.

Example: The dogs wake the baby.

The dogs woke the baby.

1. Carol and John ride the bus each day.

2. My friends drive to work.

3. They wear glasses to see better.

4. Those boys speak clearly.

5. The children write home from camp.

6. We wake up before dawn.

7. The shoelaces break easily.
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Rule: Some irregular verbs form the past tense by changing everything but the beginning of the word.

Here are some examples.

fly        flew        take        took
blow       blew        shake       shook
throw      threw        stand       stood
grow       grew

Here is how the past tense form of these irregular verbs are used in sentences.

1. We flew in a small plane.
2. The candle blew out.
3. We threw pillows at each other.
4. The weeds grew high.
5. Pat and I took the class together.
6. The leaves shook in the wind.
7. She stood very still.

Write the past tense for these irregular verbs.

Example: blow ________ blew

1. throw __________________
2. shake __________________
3. stand __________________
4. grow __________________
5. take __________________
6. fly __________________
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Circle the irregular verb in each sentence.

Example: The bats [flew] into the cave.

1. The fans blew the air around.

2. He took his shoes off.

3. The boy threw a stone.

4. The kite flew up in the air.

5. You grew three inches.

6. We shook from the cold.

7. I stood in line a long time.
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Rewrite each sentence. Change the underlined verb to the past tense.

Example: We take a long time.

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We took a long time.

1. I stand all day at work.

2. Grandpa’s hands shake a lot.

3. Our hats blow off in the wind.

4. We always take your advice.

5. The trees grow in a row.

6. All the birds fly out the window.

7. The bears throw food at the people.

8. We take some cookies.