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Using Irregular Verbs – Exercise 3

This handout accompanies Exercise 3 of *Grammar Bytes!* Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: <http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm>

Directions: Choose the correct verb for the sentences below.

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. fallen
3. Mauricio would have _____ the seven-foot wave into shore if a huge shark had not been patrolling the waters underneath the surfboard, hoping 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 Dr. 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. catched
8. After Mrs. Curall _____ irregular verb forms in her writing class, she discovered that the frequency of *tooked* and *wearred* 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. sung
 - 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 Mrs. 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 Dr. Olefke's 8 a.m. astronomy lectures; like black holes, the low grades on her exams sucked up any hope of passing the class.
- A. slept
 - B. sleapt
 - C. sleeped
17. The telephone _____ twelve times before Pablo would lift 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 and 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



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