



Irregular Verbs:

Regular and Irregular Verbs: Mixed Practice

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- The company ____ over 200 people last year.
a) employed
b) employed
c) employ
d) employes
- She has ____ the door open for you.
a) leaved
b) leave
c) leaving
d) left
- The sun ____ at 6:15 this morning.
a) rised
b) rose
c) risen
d) rise
- They ____ to finish the project by Friday.
a) managed
b) manageed
c) manage
d) managen
- He ____ down on the sofa and fell asleep.
a) lied
b) laid
c) layed
d) lay
- We have ____ the problem many times but found no solution.
a) discuss
b) discusst
c) discussed
d) discussing
- The police ____ the thief after a long chase.
a) catched
b) caught
c) catch
d) catching
- When they were young, she ____ the children a bedtime story every night.
a) readed
b) red
c) read
d) reads
- The price of petrol has ____ sharply this year.
a) rised
b) rose
c) rise
d) risen
- They ____ the picture on the wall yesterday.
a) hanged
b) hung
c) hang
d) hunged
- I ____ to call you, but my phone died.
a) tryed
b) try
c) tries
d) tried

12. He has ___ his leg while skiing.
a) broken
b) broke
c) breaked
d) break
13. The teacher ___ us a lot about history last term.
a) teached
b) teach
c) taught
d) teaching
14. We ___ the whole house last weekend.
a) paint
b) painted
c) painten
d) paints
15. She ___ her hand to answer the question.
a) raised
b) rose
c) risen
d) rised
16. The baby ___ her first steps today.
a) taked
b) taken
c) take
d) took
17. He has never ___ anyone in his life.
a) hurted
b) hurten
c) hurt
d) hurts
18. They ___ across the river to reach the other side.
a) swimmmed
b) swam
c) swum
d) swim
19. I ___ the money I owed him last Friday.
a) paid
b) payed
c) pay
d) paying
20. She has ___ English for over ten years.
a) study
b) studied
c) studied
d) studien



Answers

1. a) employed
2. d) left
3. b) rose
4. a) managed
5. d) lay
6. c) discussed
7. b) caught
8. c) read
9. d) risen
10. b) hung
11. d) tried
12. a) broken
13. c) taught
14. b) painted
15. a) raised
16. d) took
17. c) hurt
18. b) swam
19. a) paid
20. c) studied



Explanations

1. “employed” (a)

'Employ' is a REGULAR verb. The past simple is 'employed' (base + -ed). Not all verbs are irregular!

2. “left” (d)

'Leave' is an irregular verb. The past participle is 'left' (not *leaved). Leave → left → left.

3. “rose” (b)

This is past simple (this morning). The past simple of 'rise' is 'rose' (not *rised). 'Risen' is the past participle. Rise → rose → risen.

4. “managed” (a)

'Manage' is a REGULAR verb. The past simple is 'managed' (base + -d, since 'manage' ends in -e).

5. “lay” (d)

The past simple of 'lie' (meaning to recline/be in a flat position) is 'lay'. This is one of the trickiest irregular verbs! Lie (recline) → lay → lain. Don't confuse with 'lay' (put down) → laid → laid, or 'lie' (not tell truth) → lied → lied.

6. “discussed” (c)

'Discuss' is a REGULAR verb. The past participle is 'discussed' (base + -ed).

7. “caught” (b)

'Catch' is an irregular verb. The past simple is 'caught' (not *catched). Catch → caught → caught. It follows the same -aught pattern as 'teach → taught'.

8. “read” (c)

The past simple of 'read' is 'read' — the spelling stays the same, but the pronunciation changes from /ri:d/ to /red/. 'When they were young' tells us this is past tense. Read → read → read.

9. “risen” (d)

After 'has' (present perfect), use the past participle 'risen', not the past simple 'rose'. Rise → rose (V2) → risen (V3).

10. “hung” (b)

When 'hang' means to suspend/attach something, the past forms are hung/hung. Hang (suspend) → hung → hung. Note: 'hanged' is only used when referring to execution by hanging.

11. “tried” (d)

'Try' is a REGULAR verb. When a verb ends in consonant + y, change 'y' to 'i' and add -ed: try → tried (not *tryed).

12. “broken” (a)

After 'has' (present perfect), use the past participle 'broken'. Break → broke (V2) → broken (V3).

13. “taught” (c)

'Teach' is an irregular verb. The past simple is 'taught' (not *teached). Teach → taught → taught. It follows the same -aught pattern as 'catch → caught'.

14. “painted” (b)

'Paint' is a REGULAR verb. The past simple is 'painted' (base + -ed).

15. “raised” (a)

'Raise' is a REGULAR verb (raise → raised → raised). Don't confuse it with 'rise' (irregular: rise → rose → risen).

'Raise' needs an object (raise your hand); 'rise' does not (the sun rises).

16. “took” (d)

The past simple of 'take' is 'took' (not *taked). Take → took (V2) → taken (V3).

17. “hurt” (c)

After 'has never' (present perfect), use the past participle. 'Hurt' never changes form: hurt → hurt → hurt (like cut, put, shut).

18. “swam” (b)

This is past simple (a completed action). The past simple of 'swim' is 'swam', not 'swum' (which is the past participle). Swim → swam (V2) → swum (V3).

19. “paid” (a)

'Pay' is an irregular verb. The past simple is 'paid' (not *payed). Pay → paid → paid.

20. “studied” (c)

'Study' is a REGULAR verb. When a verb ends in consonant + y, change 'y' to 'i' and add -ed: study → studied (not *studyed).