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Irregular verbs · Worksheet 1

Write the past simple. After have or has, write the past participle.

REMEMBER

- These verbs end in -ought or -aught: buy – bought, think – thought, bring – brought, teach – taught, catch – caught
- Some verbs never change: cut – cut – cut, put – put – put, cost – cost – cost, hit – hit – hit
- The vowel changes i → a → u: sing – sang – sung, drink – drank – drunk, swim – swam – swum, begin – began – begun
- The past participle ends in -en: write – wrote – written, eat – ate – eaten, speak – spoke – spoken, break – broke – broken, take – took – taken, give – gave – given
- The final -d changes to -t: build – built, send – sent, spend – spent

1. Yesterday I _____ (buy) a new phone.

2. I _____ (cut) my finger while I was cooking last night.

3. We _____ (sing) a song at the party last night.

4. She _____ (write) a letter to her friend last week.

5. He _____ (build) this house in 2010.

6. I _____ (sleep) for nine hours last night.

7. They _____ (go) to Spain last summer.

8. She _____ (know) the answer to every question in yesterday’s test.

9. She _____ (think) about the problem all day yesterday.

10. He _____ (put) the keys on the table an hour ago.

11. He _____ (drink) two glasses of water after the race yesterday.

12. I have _____ (write) three emails today.

13. I _____ (send) you an email two days ago.

14. She _____ (leave) the office at five yesterday.

15. She has _____ (go) to the supermarket. She will be back soon.

16. The children have _____ (grow) a lot this year.

17. He _____ (bring) his guitar to the party last night.

18. The tickets _____ (cost) fifty dollars last year.

19. They _____ (swim) in the lake last weekend.

20. We _____ (eat) pizza for dinner last night.

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Each answer includes the rule behind it.

1. Yesterday I bought (buy) a new phone.
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2. I cut (cut) my finger while I was cooking last night.
Some verbs never change: cut – cut – cut, put – put – put, cost – cost – cost, hit – hit – hit

3. We sang (sing) a song at the party last night.
The vowel changes i → a → u: sing – sang – sung, drink – drank – drunk, swim – swam – swum, begin – began – begun

4. She wrote (write) a letter to her friend last week.
The past participle ends in -en: write – wrote – written, eat – ate – eaten, speak – spoke – spoken, break – broke – broken, take – took – taken, give – gave – given

5. He built (build) this house in 2010.
The final -d changes to -t: build – built, send – sent, spend – spent

6. I slept (sleep) for nine hours last night.
The long “ee” sound becomes short “e”, with -t: sleep – slept, keep – kept, feel – felt, leave – left

7. They went (go) to Spain last summer.
These very common verbs have their own forms: go – went – gone, see – saw – seen, do – did – done

8. She knew (know) the answer to every question in yesterday’s test.
Past simple in -ew, past participle in -own: know – knew – known, grow – grew – grown, fly – flew – flown

9. She thought (think) about the problem all day yesterday.
These verbs end in -ought or -aught: buy – bought, think – thought, bring – brought, teach – taught, catch – caught

10. He put (put) the keys on the table an hour ago.
Some verbs never change: cut – cut – cut, put – put – put, cost – cost – cost, hit – hit – hit

11. He drank (drink) two glasses of water after the race yesterday.
The vowel changes i → a → u: sing – sang – sung, drink – drank – drunk, swim – swam – swum, begin – began – begun

12. I have written (write) three emails today.
The past participle ends in -en: write – wrote – written, eat – ate – eaten, speak – spoke – spoken, break – broke – broken, take – took – taken, give – gave – given

13. I sent (send) you an email two days ago.
The final -d changes to -t: build – built, send – sent, spend – spent

14. She left (leave) the office at five yesterday.
The long “ee” sound becomes short “e”, with -t: sleep – slept, keep – kept, feel – felt, leave – left

15. She has gone (go) to the supermarket. She will be back soon.
These very common verbs have their own forms: go – went – gone, see – saw – seen, do – did – done

16. The children have grown (grow) a lot this year.
Past simple in -ew, past participle in -own: know – knew – known, grow – grew – grown, fly – flew – flown

17. He brought (bring) his guitar to the party last night.
These verbs end in -ought or -aught: buy – bought, think – thought, bring – brought, teach – taught, catch – caught

18. The tickets cost (cost) fifty dollars last year.
Some verbs never change: cut – cut – cut, put – put – put, cost – cost – cost, hit – hit – hit

19. They swam (swim) in the lake last weekend.
The vowel changes i → a → u: sing – sang – sung, drink – drank – drunk, swim – swam – swum, begin – began – begun

20. We ate (eat) pizza for dinner last night.
The past participle ends in -en: write – wrote – written, eat – ate – eaten, speak – spoke – spoken, break – broke – broken, take – took – taken, give – gave – given

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