

Irregular Verbs — Past Simple (Part 3)

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New Verbs

Study these irregular past simple forms before you start.

Verb	Past Simple	Verb	Past Simple
begin	began	grow	grew
hold	held	forget	forgot
fly	flew	keep	kept
sing	sang	throw	threw
choose	chose	win	won
ring	rang	build	built

Exercise 1 — True or False

Circle True or False for each sentence.

1. "I forgetted my umbrella at the office." is correct. **True / False**
2. "The plant grew very quickly in the sunlight." is correct. **True / False**
3. "The phone ringed three times." is correct. **True / False**
4. "They chose the blue curtains for the bedroom." is correct. **True / False**
5. "Our team won the championship." is correct. **True / False**
6. "He throwed the ball across the garden." is correct. **True / False**
7. "They builded a new house on the hill." is correct. **True / False**
8. "She holded the baby carefully." is correct. **True / False**
9. "We flew to Rome last summer." is correct. **True / False**
10. The past simple of 'begin' is 'began'. **True / False**
11. "She kept all her old letters in a box." is correct. **True / False**
12. "He singed a beautiful song at the wedding." is correct. **True / False**

Exercise 2 — Multiple Choice

Circle the correct past simple form.

1. They ____ the blue curtains for the bedroom.
a) choosed b) choosing c) chose d) choose
2. She ____ the baby carefully.
a) holding b) holded c) held d) hold
3. They ____ a new house on the hill.
a) build b) builded c) building d) built
4. We ____ to Rome last summer.
a) flying b) flew c) fly d) flyed
5. The plant ____ very quickly in the sunlight.
a) grew b) growing c) growed d) grow
6. Our team ____ the championship.
a) win b) winning c) winned d) won
7. She ____ all her old letters in a box.
a) kept b) keeped c) keep d) keeping
8. He ____ a beautiful song at the wedding.
a) sang b) singed c) sing d) singing
9. The meeting ____ at nine o'clock.
a) beganened b) beginning c) begin d) began
10. He ____ the ball across the garden.
a) throwed b) threw c) throw d) throwing
11. I ____ my umbrella at the office.
a) forget b) forgot c) forgetted d) forgetting
12. The phone ____ three times.
a) ringing b) ring c) rang d) ringed

Exercise 3 — Matching

Draw a line to match each verb to its past simple form.

1. keep	_____	forgot
2. throw	_____	chose
3. forget	_____	built
4. fly	_____	kept
5. begin	_____	won
6. hold	_____	threw
7. choose	_____	rang
8. build	_____	grew
9. ring	_____	flew
10. grow	_____	sang
11. win	_____	held
12. sing	_____	began

Exercise 4 — Gap Fill

Write the correct past simple form in the gap.

1. My hair _____ a lot over the summer.
2. The pitcher _____ a fast ball.
3. He _____ first prize in the competition.
4. Someone _____ the doorbell at midnight.
5. We _____ the windows closed all winter.
6. We _____ a table near the window.
7. The company _____ three new schools.
8. He _____ the door open for her.
9. She _____ his birthday last year.
10. The bird _____ straight into the tree.
11. The film _____ with a dramatic scene.
12. The choir _____ two songs at the concert.

Exercise 5 — Word Sort

Sort the past simple forms below into the three groups. Think about how much each word changed from the base verb.

Word bank: began built chose flew forgot grew held kept rang sang threw won

Small vowel change only	
The verb changes completely	
Past form still looks like the verb	

Exercise 6 — Word Order

Put the words in the correct order to make a sentence.

1. his / She / held / hand

2. car / new / He / a / chose

3. lesson / time / The / began / on

4. easily / won / team / Our

5. Spain / to / They / flew

6. name / his / forgot / I

7. The / fast / grew / city

8. bridge / a / They / built

9. bell / rang / twice / The

10. He / away / the / keys / threw

11. The / loudly / children / sang

12. secret / the / She / kept

Exercise 7 — Right or Wrong

Decide if the sentence is right or wrong. If it is wrong, write the correction.

1. She sang beautifully at the show. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

2. We kepted the receipt. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

3. He built a small boat. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

4. He flyed to New York yesterday. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

5. She held the umbrella for me. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

6. They winned the match. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

7. The company growed very fast. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

8. He forgot his password. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

9. They choosed the wrong road. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

10. The concert begined at eight. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

11. She threw the paper in the bin. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

12. The alarm rang loudly. **Right / Wrong**

If wrong, correction: _____

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Teacher Answer Key — A2 Elementary

Exercise 1 — True or False

1. **False** (correct form: forgot)
2. **True**
3. **False** (correct form: rang)
4. **True**
5. **True**
6. **False** (correct form: threw)
7. **False** (correct form: built)
8. **False** (correct form: held)
9. **True**
10. **True**
11. **True**
12. **False** (correct form: sang)

Exercise 2 — Multiple Choice

1. c) chose
2. c) held
3. d) built
4. b) flew
5. a) grew
6. d) won
7. a) kept
8. a) sang
9. d) began
10. b) threw
11. b) forgot
12. c) rang

Exercise 3 — Matching

1. keep → **kept**
2. throw → **threw**
3. forget → **forgot**
4. fly → **flew**
5. begin → **began**
6. hold → **held**
7. choose → **chose**
8. build → **built**
9. ring → **rang**
10. grow → **grew**
11. win → **won**

12. sing → **sang**

Exercise 4 — Gap Fill

1. **grew**
2. **threw**
3. **won**
4. **rang**
5. **kept**
6. **chose**
7. **built**
8. **held**
9. **forgot**
10. **flew**
11. **began**
12. **sang**

Exercise 5 — Word Sort

Small vowel change only: began, sang, rang, won

The verb changes completely: flew, threw, chose, forgot

Past form still looks like the verb: held, kept, built, grew

Exercise 6 — Word Order

1. She held his hand
2. He chose a new car
3. The lesson began on time
4. Our team won easily
5. They flew to Spain
6. I forgot his name
7. The city grew fast
8. They built a bridge
9. The bell rang twice
10. He threw the keys away
11. The children sang loudly
12. She kept the secret

Exercise 7 — Right or Wrong

1. **Right**
2. **Wrong** — correction: We kept the receipt.
3. **Right**
4. **Wrong** — correction: He flew to New York yesterday.
5. **Right**
6. **Wrong** — correction: They won the match.
7. **Wrong** — correction: The company grew very fast.
8. **Right**
9. **Wrong** — correction: They chose the wrong road.
10. **Wrong** — correction: The concert began at eight.
11. **Right**
12. **Right**