

IRREGULAR VERBS – pre-intermediate (1)

become feel break fly catch
grow choose mean fall rise

- 1) This is the biggest fish I've ever _____.
- 2) I was very tired so I went straight to bed and _____ asleep immediately.
- 3) Peter is afraid of the journey. You see, he has never _____ so I quite understand.
- 4) My son studied very hard for a long time and _____ a doctor in the end. Now he is very successful.
- 5) Do you know who _____ into your house last night? -- Unfortunately not. The police are still investigating.
- 6) I loved my granny's garden. She _____ a lot of vegetables there and she had a very big apple tree in the middle.
- 7) Can you tell me what you _____ by that comment? I don't think it was fair to say something like that.
- 8) I don't understand why Richard wasn't _____ for that position. I believe he has all the right qualifications.
- 9) I got up before the sun _____ and went for a walk. It was a beautiful morning.
- 10) I _____ something crawling on my arm and when I looked down, I saw a very strange bug.

IRREGULAR VERBS – pre-intermediate (2)

*bring let begin pay keep
spend leave stand lend win*

- 1) The teacher entered the classroom, but the students _____ talking, not paying any attention to him.
- 2) I bought the bike two months ago and _____ a lot of money for it and you know what? I saw it in a shop window yesterday. It was half off!
- 3) Do you know that the man who _____ the race is my brother? -- Really? I had no idea.
- 4) He was broke last month so I _____ him some money, but he hasn't paid me back yet. I don't think he ever will.
- 5) John _____ in the queue for almost 45 minutes and when it was finally his turn to buy, they told him they'd just sold the last piece.
- 6) We didn't want to come empty-handed so we at least _____ a bottle of wine.
- 7) Susan just wanted to buy a packet of cigarettes so she _____ her dog in the car.
- 8) When I wanted to leave the house, it _____ to rain quite heavily so I took an umbrella.
- 9) It was a busy Friday afternoon, but I needed to leave at 3 o'clock so I asked my boss and he, surprisingly, _____ me go.
- 10) Janet _____ the whole afternoon reading a book and otherwise doing nothing.

IRREGULAR VERBS – pre-intermediate (3)

blow hit build ride do
ring dream sell forget teach

- 1) I was playing golf the other day and when I _____ the ball, it landed in the tall grass nearby. I really didn't know what to do.
- 2) Last year I completely _____ my girlfriend's birthday. I won't let it happen again this year, because she might break up with me over that.
- 3) I _____ my new bike this morning, but the saddle isn't too comfortable and my buttocks hurt. I will have to get an extra cushioned saddle.
- 4) The wind _____ all day and it rained on and off, but everyone seemed to be having a great time.
- 5) Nobody _____ me how to swim, I learned that all by myself and I was only 6. Don't be afraid of water, I can teach you if you want.
- 6) I _____ the doorbell, stepped back a pace and waited for someone to open. Nothing happened though, so I left.
- 7) When she was young, Susan _____ of becoming a singer. She was very talented, but her parents disapproved. Now she is a doctor.
- 8) Pete _____ his old CD player on eBay and bought a new one that can play MP3 files as well.
- 9) Our roof was leaking so the construction company that _____ our house sent someone to inspect it.
- 10) How come you're watching TV? I think you haven't _____ your homework yet, have you? So turn it off!

IRREGULAR VERBS – pre-intermediate (4)

bite speak find spell hide
steal learn understand lose wake

- 1) When they played hide-and-seek, little Michael _____ so well that the other kids couldn't find him for two hours.
- 2) During the next act, we heard a drum roll, but the ropewalker _____ his balance and fell. Fortunately, there was a safety net.
- 3) Pete was _____ up in the middle of the night by a very strange noise coming from his attic. As it turned out, it was just an owl.
- 4) Janet always _____ highly of our boss. I didn't like him very much though. I'm glad I don't work in his department anymore.
- 5) I _____ my name twice, but the receptionist still got it wrong and when my wife called the hotel, she wasn't put through.
- 6) I must admit I _____ very little from what our teacher told us yesterday and I'm sure I will fail the test.
- 7) Don't go anywhere near that dog. It _____ me quite badly yesterday. Look!
- 8) Rachel saw a nice sweater in a shop window. She tried it on and it fit perfectly, but when she _____ out how much it cost, she almost fainted.
- 9) I _____ to drive when I was 18, but I didn't own a car until I was 30. That's why I didn't really drive much for quite a long time.
- 10) Two thieves _____ a very expensive painting from the new exhibition on the day of its opening.

IRREGULAR VERBS – pre-intermediate (5)

burn hold draw hurt feed
smell fight throw freeze wear

1) Susan _____ the curtains and switched on the lamp on her bedside table. She wanted to read for a while, but was so tired that she turned the light off after five minutes and fell asleep almost at once.

2) I _____ my plants with organic fertilizer every other week, but I couldn't get rid of the spots on new leaves.

3) The sheets _____ of lavender because my wife had used a new fabric softener from her favourite online shop.

4) Laughing at my joke, Jessica opened the door. Her smile immediately _____, however, when she saw her ex-husband leaning against the banister.

5) An arsonist set fire to the wood in their shed. The fire spread unnoticed across the backyard to the house, which then _____ to the ground.

6) My grandfather always _____ a fedora whenever he left the house. He had an enormous collection of them. A fedora is a type of hat with a wide brim.

7) There was a car accident right outside my house yesterday. -- Really? What happened? Was anyone _____ ?

8) David was in love with Susan and _____ over her with a classmate who was much taller and stronger than him. He lost, of course, but Susan didn't want to date either of them.

9) Steve was very angry after the argument with Sarah. While walking down the street, he _____ a stone at a passing car. Luckily he missed by an inch.

10) John was nervous when he _____ his son in his arms for the first time and then he burst into tears. He couldn't say a word.