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Rule 10

Some verbs do not follow a set rule to form the past tense. These verbs are called irregular verbs.

Present	Past
<i>eat</i>	<i>ate</i>
<i>write</i>	<i>wrote</i>
<i>bring</i>	<i>brought</i>
<i>buy</i>	<i>bought</i>
<i>give</i>	<i>gave</i>
<i>sing</i>	<i>sang</i>
<i>know</i>	<i>knew</i>
<i>say</i>	<i>said</i>
<i>swim</i>	<i>swam</i>
<i>see</i>	<i>saw</i>
<i>have</i>	<i>had</i>
<i>do</i>	<i>did</i>
<i>come</i>	<i>came</i>

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A Write the past tense of these verbs. Check in a dictionary if you are unsure.

present	past	present	past
Today I...	Yesterday I...	Today I...	Yesterday I...
1. begin	_____	8. eat	_____
2. grow	_____	9. know	_____
3. run	_____	10. drink	_____
4. throw	_____	11. write	_____
5. think	_____	12. swing	_____
6. make	_____	13. go	_____
7. choose	_____	14. freeze	_____

B Fill in the correct past tense verbs in these sentences.

1. My brother _____ all of the cookies and _____ all of the milk.
2. The poet _____ an exciting poem about thunderstorms.
3. She _____ at the baseball and hit a home run.
4. Last winter, many of our young plants _____ and died.
5. When I _____ the salad, I used vegetables that _____ in my garden.
6. We _____ that the trail _____ here at the pond.
7. The startled deer _____ across the broad meadow.
8. Our team _____ the name "Thunderbirds."

Name _____

Correct Past Tense Errors

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Some of the past tense verbs in the paragraphs below are written incorrectly. Draw a line through each incorrect verb, and then write the correct verb above it. The first one has been completed for you as an example.

Hakeem and Reggie are best friends. Hakeem has ^{known}~~knowed~~ Reggie all his life. They goed to elementary school together. They goed to high school together. They taked all the same classes and played all the same sports in the spring and fall. In the summer, they swimmied together in the creek behind Hakeem's house.

When they growed up, Hakeem and Reggie buyed houses on the same street. Then they married two sisters from another town and bringed them to Bailey, where they lived. Hakeem singed a song at Reggie's wedding. Reggie readed a poem at Hakeem's wedding.

The two men worked together at the same factory for fifty years. They seed other men come and go, but Hakeem and Reggie kepted right on working together. When they finally retired, their wives gived the best friends a big party.

Name _____

Write It Right

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Write the past tense form of each verb in parentheses.

Mrs. Heffelfinger _____ fifth grade for many years. She
(teach)

_____ teaching school. She always _____ learning fun.
(love) (make)

Her students _____ their own songs when they _____
(write) (learn)

about poetry. They _____ cool experiments when they
(do)

_____ science. When Mrs. Heffelfinger was ready to retire, everyone
(study)

who knew her _____ to her party. Some people _____
(come) (bring)

flowers and gifts. All of them _____ Mrs. Heffelfinger for being such
(thank)

a fine teacher. Mrs. Heffelfinger _____ at all the people she had
(look)

_____, young and old. Suddenly, she _____ to give
(teach) (decide)

teaching just one more year!