

Irregular Verbs in the Simple Past 10

Drag each irregular simple past verb below its base verb form.

struck	wrung	swore	shrank	held	stole	sank	led	bred	slunk
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breed	hold	lead	sink	shrink	slink	steal	strike	swear	wring

Choose the correct form of each verb to complete the sentence.

- 1) The neighbors have a horse ranch. Last year, one of the horses they (breed) _____ won the Kentucky Derby!
- 2) Frank (hold) _____ his daughter's hand as they crossed the busy street.
- 3) Margaret (lead) _____ the way back to their seats.
- 4) Lana sighed tiredly and (sink) _____ onto the armchair.
- 5) Oh no! My new sweater (shrink) _____ when I washed it!

Write the correct form of each verb in the box.

- 6) The thief snuck into the house and (steal) _____ the diamond necklace.
- 7) After escaping, the thief (slink) _____ quietly down the dark alley.
- 8) The clock (strike) _____ three and the children leapt up from their desks.
- 9) The witness raised her hand and (swear) _____ to tell the truth.
- 10) After finishing the dishes, Drew (wring) _____ out the dishcloth and hung it to dry.

Your turn! Choose five of these irregular verbs and practice using them in the simple past.

- 11) _____
- 12) _____
- 13) _____
- 14) _____
- 15) _____