

# THE FUNNY NOISE

## Irregular Verbs in the Past Simple Tense (gap-fill)

1. Complete the gaps with an irregular verb in the past simple tense.

Choose from:

**be, break, buy, come, drive, eat, feel, find, get, give, have, hear, hold, know, let, lose, make, put, read, ring, run, say, sleep, take, think, tell, write**

**Note: you will need to use some verbs more than once:**

Dear Oséias

I'm writing to tell you about something that happened yesterday. I \_\_\_\_\_ up at the usual time – about 10 am – \_\_\_\_\_ a shower and \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast. I \_\_\_\_\_ a big bowl of cereal and some toast and watched TV for a while. Then I \_\_\_\_\_ into the kitchen where I \_\_\_\_\_ a funny noise. I \_\_\_\_\_ it from behind the cooker. I \_\_\_\_\_ my tool box and moved the cooker out of the way.

The noise \_\_\_\_\_ louder but I couldn't see anything. I \_\_\_\_\_ my uncle to ask his advice. He \_\_\_\_\_ that he \_\_\_\_\_ it could be a gas leak. When I \_\_\_\_\_ this I just panicked! I \_\_\_\_\_ the phone down, \_\_\_\_\_ outside, \_\_\_\_\_ in my car and \_\_\_\_\_ to the local police station. I \_\_\_\_\_ them about my gas leak but the constable \_\_\_\_\_ his patience with me. He \_\_\_\_\_ that I should have phoned the gas company. He \_\_\_\_\_ his report, then \_\_\_\_\_ the gas company for me.



Then I remembered that my house doesn't have gas – only electricity! I \_\_\_\_\_ really stupid and \_\_\_\_\_ that the constable would be angry with me for wasting his time, so I \_\_\_\_\_ out of the police station while he \_\_\_\_\_ still on the phone. I \_\_\_\_\_ home to try to find out what the noise \_\_\_\_\_. On the way I \_\_\_\_\_ a newspaper and I \_\_\_\_\_ about an escaped llama that \_\_\_\_\_ out of the city safari park last Wednesday.

When I \_\_\_\_\_ home I \_\_\_\_\_ my key in the door, turned it, \_\_\_\_\_ inside and straight away \_\_\_\_\_ that funny noise again. I \_\_\_\_\_ my breath and opened the door slowly. Guess what? I \_\_\_\_\_ the llama hiding in my cupboard! I \_\_\_\_\_ him stay and he \_\_\_\_\_ in my garden last night. The snoring

\_\_\_\_\_ so loud! This morning I \_\_\_\_\_ him back to the safari park. They \_\_\_\_\_ really pleased to see him again and \_\_\_\_\_ me a reward of £50! Hope you are well. Write soon and let me know how you are.

Your friend, Jason  
Jason.

**2. Fill in all the gaps, with the right form of the verb in brackets.**

William Shakespeare  (be) born in Stratford-on-Avon on April 23, 1564. He  (go) to the local Stratford Grammar School, where he  (be)  (teach) by Master Walter Roche. Lessons began at six o'clock in the morning in the summer in order to make the most of daylight.

His father  (be)  (call) John Shakespeare a Stratford upon Avon glove-maker. He  (send) William to the local grammar school in 1571, but when William  (be) only 14 years old his fortunes fell so low that William  (have) to leave school. Some historians say he  (work) in his father's shop.

At the age of 19 William  (to marry) Anne Hathaway the daughter of a rich farmer near Stratford. Three years later Shakespeare  (go) to London. How he  (live) there we do not know.

In about 1587 he  (become) a member of one of the few theatrical companies which  (exist) in those days. Around 1590 he  (begin) to try his hand at writing plays. There  (be) no female actors in those days, all the female parts  (be)  (play) by boys. It is thought that he  (write) his first major play, Henry VI., Part One, in 1592.

His most famous play, Hamlet,  (be) probably first seen in 1601 at the Globe Theatre. Shakespeare  (continue) to write about 2 plays a year.

He  (return) to Stratford in 1612, where he  (live) the life of a country gentleman. He  (die) of a fever on his birthday in 1616.

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