55 Irregular verbs

A Bad things happen ...

The burglar **set off** the burglar **alarm,** which woke everyone up, but he **ran away** before we saw him.

I **set** my alarm clock last night, but I still **overslept**. I **sprang out of** bed and tripped over my shoes.

Last week it was so cold that our pipes **froze** in the bathroom, and then they **burst**. It made a terrible mess, but fortunately my husband was at home and **dealt with** it.

We were on the lake when our little boat **sank**. We managed to swim to the shore and then **lay** there exhausted, not sure what to do. As it **grew** darker, we started to feel cold and miserable.

GLOSSARY

set sth off *pt/pp* **set**	do sth that starts a reaction
alarm	a machine that warns you of a danger by ringing a loud bell: ***a fire/burglar alarm***
run away *pt* **ran** *pp* **run**	escape from somewhere
set *pt/pp* **set**	prepare or arrange sth for a particular purpose
oversleep *pt/pp* **overslept**	sleep longer than you should have done
spring *pt* **sprang** *pp* **sprung**	jump or move quickly: ***spring*** *out of bed / to your feet*
freeze *pt* **froze** *pp* **frozen**	become hard and often change into ice
burst *pt* **burst** *pp* **burst**	break open suddenly and violently, usually because there is too much pressure inside
deal with sth/sb *pt/pp* **dealt**	take action in a situation in order to solve a problem
sink *pt* **sank** *pp* **sunk**	go down, or make sth go down under the surface of a liquid or soft substance
lie *pt* **lay** *pp* **lain**	be in a flat or horizontal position, not standing or sitting
grow *pt* **grew** *pt* **grown**	become: ***grow*** *dark/old/bored*

1 Circle the past participles.

frozeransprunggrewrunoversleptburstdealtsanksetspringfrozenlaygrown

2 Complete the dialogues.

▶ What time did you get up? ~ I set the alarm for 7.00 but didn't get up until 7.30.

1 What was the cause of the accident? ~ A tyre _____, and the car went out of control.

2 Why were you late for work? ~ Because I _____.

3 The water in the dog's bowl has _____! ~ That's not surprising: the temperature fell below zero last night.

4 What happened to the boat? ~ It _____ because there was a hole in the bottom of it.

5 Has Rina solved the problem with the keys? ~ Yes, she's _____ _____ it.

6 Did you feel tired when you woke up? ~ No, I _____ _____ _____ bed.

7 Where has Freddie gone? ~ He was frightened of the horse and _____ _____.

8 Was it dark when you drove here this morning? ~ Yes, but it _____ light as I got nearer.

9 Were you tired after the journey? ~ Yes, very. I _____ on my bed for an hour and then felt much better.

10 Did you hear the fire _____? ~ No, I wasn't at home at the time. Is everything OK?

3 Complete the questions with a suitable verb. ABOUT YOU

Have you ever:

▶ overslept before an important exam or meeting? _____

_____ out of bed and injured yourself? _____

_____ _____ a burglar alarm or a fire alarm? _____

had to _____ _____ with a difficult boss, colleague or student? _____

_____ a child's balloon? _____

_____ an alarm clock for the wrong time? _____

4 ABOUT YOU **Write answers to the questions in Exercise 3, or ask another student.**

TEST YOURSELF

LIVEWORKSHEETS

B Action verbs



1 He **hung up** his coat.



2 She **hid** behind the sofa.



3 He **threw** the ball.



4 She **shook** the bottle.



5 He **bent** the metal.



6 She **spilt** her drink.



7 I **lit** a fire.



8 Hannah **led** us up the hill.



9 The referee **blew** his whistle.



10 She **tore** the picture into pieces.



11 He **shone** a torch into my eye.



12 She **laid** the baby on the bed.

5 **Can you complete the past participles? Use the irregular verbs list on pages 202–204 if necessary.**

▶ hang / hung / hung
1 hide / hid / _____
2 throw / threw / _____
3 shake / shook / _____
4 blow / blew / _____
5 spill / spilt / _____
6 shine / shone / _____
7 bend / bent / _____
8 light / lit / _____
9 tear / tore / _____
10 lay / laid / _____

6 **Cross out the wrong answer.**

▶ He laid the ***newspaper / books / ~~juice~~*** on the table.
1 I threw the ***ball / book / horse***.
2 He hid behind the ***cup / bed / wardrobe***.
3 I bent the ***spoon / pencil / key***.
4 I lit the ***fire / cigarette / water***.
5 She spilt some ***juice / boxes / white coffee*** on the floor.
6 I shone a ***light / torch / fire*** on the documents.
7 She shook the ***carton of milk / bottle / wall***.
8 He hung up his ***scarf / gloves / jacket***.

7 **Complete the sentences with a suitable verb in the correct form.**

▶ Don't shake that bottle of fizzy water before you open it!
1 The receptionist _____ the guests into the restaurant.
2 Joanna has _____ some tea on her dress, and it's left a mark.
3 Someone _____ a candle so that we could see a bit more clearly.
4 I tried turning the key in the lock. It didn't work and I think I've _____ the key.
5 He saw a soldier coming so he _____ behind a wall.
6 The policemen stopped the man in the street and _____ a torch into his bag.
7 I gave him the letter; he read it and then _____ it into little pieces.
8 I went in quietly, took off my coat and _____ it _____.
9 The referee has _____ his whistle, so it's the end of the game.
10 I _____ the map on the ground so we could see exactly where we were going.

8 **Make sure you know the meaning and irregular forms of the following verbs. Use the APP to help you and the irregular verb list on pages 202–204.**

rise choose spread keep break bring feed

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