

## 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.