

## IRREGULAR VERBS – upper-intermediate(1)

*bid sew bind sow flee*  
*spring forbid strive saw thrive*

- 1) My beautiful assistant will be \_\_\_\_\_ in half here on stage in front of your very eyes.
- 2) It must've been very expensive. I mean, look at the stitches. I'm sure it was \_\_\_\_\_ by hand.
- 3) What has this place been \_\_\_\_\_ with? It's May and I still can't see any shoots.
- 4) The tulips started wilting after only a few hours so I changed the water, which is supposed to be extremely cold for tulips, and they \_\_\_\_\_ back to life.
- 5) The burglars \_\_\_\_\_ his legs and arms with a strong rope and hid him in a wardrobe.
- 6) As a collector, he wanted to get hold of the painting so he was willing to pay a lot of money. He \_\_\_\_\_ 2000 pounds in the end.
- 7) Not only did he manage to escape from prison, he also \_\_\_\_\_ the country the same day.
- 8) My boss \_\_\_\_\_ me from mentioning the issue in front of the CEO, which was strange.
- 9) Although she \_\_\_\_\_ hard to keep fit, she simply couldn't resist eating a bar of chocolate at least once a week.
- 10) His business \_\_\_\_\_ for five years, but then, surprisingly, he was suddenly in red numbers and went bankrupt very shortly.

## IRREGULAR VERBS – upper-intermediate(2)

*cast string cling thrust fling  
tread rid weave slit wring*

1) Our Christmas tree is beautifully \_\_\_\_\_ with the new lights which my mum bought in England on her business trip in November.

2) I agree that your arguments were insightful and \_\_\_\_\_ new light on the subject, but I think you should also discuss this matter with our general manager.

3) The little girl \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful basket from wicker and gave it to her mum as a Christmas present.

4) He grew angrier by the second and then \_\_\_\_\_ the book across the classroom. It almost hit the teacher.

5) She was very anxious. After work she ran home, opened the letterbox and there it was. A letter from her lawyer. She \_\_\_\_\_ opened the envelope and eagerly read through it.

6) There was a lot of questioning and the policemen eventually \_\_\_\_\_ the necessary information out of the culprit.

7) The girl was missing for more than a month, but her brother \_\_\_\_\_ to the hope that she was alive, despite his parents fearing the worst.

8) I \_\_\_\_\_ barefoot on a bee and the bee responded by spearing its sting into the sole of my foot. It swelled up and turned red.

9) I just can't believe that after all these years I was able to find a doctor who \_\_\_\_\_ me of the pain I'd been suffering from for so long.

10) It was freezing cold that morning. He \_\_\_\_\_ his hands into his pockets, rolled up his collar, ducked his head and went to work.

## IRREGULAR VERBS – upper-intermediate(3)

*bear slay dwell sling forsake  
slink hew smite shed stride*

- 1) When he broke up with her, she \_\_\_\_\_ a tear or two, but that was it. After all, they'd been together for only a month when that happened.
- 2) The brave prince \_\_\_\_\_ the five-headed dragon and rescued the princess. They were then, naturally, supposed to get married, so he proposed. The princess, however, turned him down.
- 3) Once \_\_\_\_\_, the marble was transported from the quarry to the workshop ten miles away, where it was carved by sculptors.
- 4) When Josh was told he was fired, he didn't say a word, angrily \_\_\_\_\_ out of his supervisor's office and left the building. Only then did he realize how stupid a behaviour it had been.
- 5) Susan was \_\_\_\_\_ by his good looks and found herself saying yes to his invitation for coffee. As it turned out, though, he was a complete idiot and they never saw each other again.
- 6) Then, out of the blue, after dating him for only a month, she \_\_\_\_\_ her family and friends, just for her new lover's sake. It was a major shock for all of us.
- 7) He hopped up on the box almost falling down. It \_\_\_\_\_ his weight just fine so he leant against the wall, stretched his hand and groped for the key lying on the window sill.
- 8) The lives of the people who \_\_\_\_\_ on the island were considerably influenced by the local priest, who worshipped gods and often sacrificed their oxen, sheep and goats.
- 9) He slowly lifted the keys that were lying on the bench and \_\_\_\_\_ past the sleeping guard, unlocking the door carefully and pushing it open without a sound.
- 10) Jack waved us goodbye, \_\_\_\_\_ the heavy bag over his shoulder and set off for the bus station.