

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.