

Using Irregular Verbs that Stay the Same

- Some irregular verbs stay the same in the base form, simple past, and past participle.
- These irregular verbs act like regular verbs in the *progressive aspect* and for (*he, she, it*) subjects in the *present tense*.

Example: base form (to cut) = Cut

The irregular verb (to cut) stays the same in the simple aspect of the past tense:

[Any Subject] **cut** the paper yesterday. (simple aspect of the past tense)

The irregular verb (to cut) stays the same in the past participle form:

[Any Subject] [has/have] **cut** the paper already. (perfect aspect of the present tense)

[Any Subject] [had] **cut** the paper before we arrived. (perfect aspect of the past tense)

The paper [is/was/will be/is going to be] **cut**. (past participle in all tenses)

Directions: Choose the correct form of the verb in the following sentences. Cross out any verb forms that do not exist. Some verbs are regular, some are irregular.

Example: He (quit, quits, ~~quitted~~) his job last week.

- 1) She always (put, puts, putted) lots of cream in her coffee.
- 2) He (hit, hits, hitted) his head last night.
- 3) His head (hurt, hurts, hurted) after he hit it.
- 4) The children (play, plays, played) soccer last weekend.
- 5) The arsonist (set, sets, setted) fire to several houses in our neighborhood last year.
- 6) The door is (shut, shuts, shutted).
- 7) The audience (laugh, laughs, laughed) at the joke.
- 8) My father (split, splits, splitted) lots of wood so that we could make a fire.
- 9) The chef has (bake, bakes, baked) three wedding cakes.
- 10) The trip is (plan, plans, planned).
- 11) I have never (like, likes, liked) chocolate.
- 12) The boy (touch, touches, touched) the painting while it was still wet.
- 13) My mother (let, lets, letted) me stay up late last night.
- 14) The kitten (try, tries, tried) to drink the milk every time I eat cereal.
- 15) The men (bet, bets, betted) on horses at the racetrack last Monday.
- 16) Janet has never (spread, spreads, spreaded) butter on her bread before.
- 17) The bubble (burst, bursts, bursted) and soap got in my eye.
- 18) The work is (finish, finishes, finished).
- 19) I (visit, visits, visited) my mother last week.
- 20) The dog (want, wants, wanted) to go outside. Please let him out.



Directions: Now make your own sentences using irregular verbs that stay the same.

1) _____

2) _____