



Verbs Answer Key

Objective: Identify different types of verbs and their tenses, and use them correctly.

A verb is an essential part of a sentence. Without a verb (and a subject) you have no sentence.

- A verb is a word or a group of words that tells you what a person or thing is **being** or **doing**.

She **went** to the shops.
today.

He **is drinking** his tea.

She **is** here

- Tense – the word Tense comes from the Latin word “Tempus” which means *time*. The tense of a verb tells you the time at which the action takes place.

There are three main tenses:

- **Present tense:** I **eat**, he **washes**, they **draw**.
- **Past tense:** I **ate**, he **washed**, they **drew**.
- **Future tense:** I **shall eat**, he **will wash**, they **will draw**.

A verb is often made up of more than one word.

Irregular verbs

Infinitive	Past tense	Past participle	Infinitive	Past tense	Past participle
be	was/were	been	keep	kept	kept
beat	beat	beaten	know	knew	known
become	became	become			
begin	began	begun			
bite	bit	bitten	leave	left	left
break	broke	broken	lend	lent	lent
bring	brought	brought	lose	lost	lost
burn	burnt	burnt			
build	built	built			
buy	bought	bought	make	made	made
			meet	met	met
catch	caught	caught	pay	paid	paid
choose	chose	chosen	put	put	put
come	came	come			
cost	cost	cost			
cut	cut	cut	read	read	read
			ride	rode	ridden
dig	dug	dug	ring	rang	rung
do	did	done	run	ran	run
draw	drew	drawn			
drink	drank	drunk	say	said	said
drive	drove	driven	see	saw	seen
			sell	sold	sold
			send	sent	sent
eat	ate	eaten	shake	shook	shaken
			shine	shone	shone
			shut	shut	shut
fall	fell	fallen	sing	sang	sung
feel	felt	felt	sit	sat	sat
fight	fought	fought	sleep	slept	slept
find	found	found	speak	spoke	spoken
fly	flew	flown	spend	spent	spent
forget	forgot	forgotten	stand	stood	stood
freeze	froze	frozen	steal	stole	stolen
			swim	swam	swam
get	got	got	take	took	taken
give	gave	given	teach	taught	taught
go	went	gone	tell	told	told
grow	grew	grown	think	thought	thought
			throw	threw	thrown
have	had	had	understand	understood	understood
hear	heard	heard			
hide	hid	hidden			
hit	hit	hit			
hold	held	held	wake up	woke up	woken up
hurt	hurt	hurt	wear	wore	worn
			win	won	won
			write	wrote	written



Exercises:

1. Rewrite the following sentences in the past tense.

- a. The baby shakes with cold. **The baby shook with cold.**
- b. The boy is very excited. **The boy was very excited**
- c. My mom cooks lunch. **My mom cooked lunch.**
- d. She hit him hard with her purse. **She hit him with her purse.**
- e. The actor performs well. **The actor performed well.**
- f. He fights like a tiger. **He fought like a tiger.**
- g. They spend a lot on clothes and cars. **They spent a lot on clothes and cars.**

2. Underline all parts of the verb (verb group) in each sentence.

- a. The boy is playing golf.
- b. I went to the mall.
- c. We have broken the glass.
- d. The girls are playing with their dolls.
- e. The workers have built a big house.
- f. We will travel to England next year.
- g. The cat has chased the mouse.
- h. She had skated all around the icy-lake.

- i. Jane was typing a letter.
- j. We will meet the principal next week.
- k. I have broken my pencil.
- l. Beth and Jamie were hiding behind the bushes.