

## **PAST FORMS OF VERBS \_ Exercise 1 \_ Answer Key**

*In the sentences below, the present form of a verb is given in parentheses. Substitute either past or past participle, whichever the sentence requires.*

### **Part A**

1. Have you (got) your report card yet? \_\_\_\_\_ **got** \_\_\_\_\_
2. Jim (fling) his bat down in anger. \_\_\_\_\_ **flung** \_\_\_\_\_
3. The mosquito had (sting) me through my clothes. \_\_\_\_\_ **stung** \_\_\_\_\_
4. I had (lead) the marching band onto the football field. \_\_\_\_\_ **led** \_\_\_\_\_
5. The sun (shine) brightly in a clear, blue sky. \_\_\_\_\_ **shone** \_\_\_\_\_
6. The children (fight) like cats and dogs. \_\_\_\_\_ **fought** \_\_\_\_\_
7. Have you (bring) your books along? \_\_\_\_\_ **brought** \_\_\_\_\_
8. The thief (flee) when he saw the police. \_\_\_\_\_ **fled** \_\_\_\_\_
9. Dad has (lend) me enough money for the ski trip. \_\_\_\_\_ **lent** \_\_\_\_\_
10. I must have (catch) a cold. \_\_\_\_\_ **caught** \_\_\_\_\_
11. Colleen accidentally (tear) the letter as she opened it. \_\_\_\_\_ **tore** \_\_\_\_\_
12. Have you ever been (bite) by a dog? \_\_\_\_\_ **bitten** \_\_\_\_\_
13. Miss Jones has (wear) that dress before. \_\_\_\_\_ **worn** \_\_\_\_\_
14. I would have (swear) I left my jacket here. \_\_\_\_\_ **sworn** \_\_\_\_\_
15. The child (bear) a strong resemblance to his mother. \_\_\_\_\_ **bore** \_\_\_\_\_
16. Have you (tear) your brand new shirt? \_\_\_\_\_ **torn** \_\_\_\_\_
17. The burglar had (steal) our television. \_\_\_\_\_ **stolen** \_\_\_\_\_
18. Dad told the police it had been (steal) \_\_\_\_\_ **stolen** \_\_\_\_\_

19. The milk (freeze) because it was left on the back porch. \_\_\_\_\_ **froze** \_\_\_\_\_
20. The vengeful man (swear) he would get even. \_\_\_\_\_ **swore** \_\_\_\_\_
21. My left ankle was (break) when I tripped. \_\_\_\_\_ **broke** \_\_\_\_\_
22. The jet (break) the sound barrier. \_\_\_\_\_ **broke** \_\_\_\_\_
23. Shoes must be (wear) at all times. \_\_\_\_\_ **worn** \_\_\_\_\_
24. My fingers felt (freeze) despite my heavy gloves. \_\_\_\_\_ **frozen** \_\_\_\_\_
25. I (speak) to the personnel manager about a job. \_\_\_\_\_ **spoke** \_\_\_\_\_
26. I have also (speak) to the department manager. \_\_\_\_\_ **spoken** \_\_\_\_\_
27. Allison (choose) her suit carefully. \_\_\_\_\_ **chose** \_\_\_\_\_
28. He looked at the menu and (choose) chili \_\_\_\_\_ **chose** \_\_\_\_\_
29. You have (bear) your responsibilities well. \_\_\_\_\_ **borne** \_\_\_\_\_
30. The ingredients were (beat) in a large bowl. \_\_\_\_\_ **beaten** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Part B**

*In the following sentences, the present form of the verb is given in parenthesis. Substitute the past or past participle, whichever makes the sentence correct. Remember the past participle always has a helping verb.*

1. Jack Nicklaus (sink) a perfect putt. \_\_\_\_\_ **sunk** \_\_\_\_\_
2. The boat had (sink) before help arrived. \_\_\_\_\_ **sunk** \_\_\_\_\_
3. I (drink) a quart of Gatorade after the tennis match. \_\_\_\_\_ **drank** \_\_\_\_\_
4. The baby has (drink) four ounces of formula. \_\_\_\_\_ **drunk** \_\_\_\_\_
5. The survivors (swim) to safety. \_\_\_\_\_ **swam** \_\_\_\_\_
6. The rain has (begin) to soak the infield. \_\_\_\_\_ **begun** \_\_\_\_\_

7. Have you (begin) your homework yet? \_\_\_\_\_ **begun** \_\_\_\_\_
8. The siren (begin) to wail its warning. \_\_\_\_\_ **began** \_\_\_\_\_
9. The jack-in-the-box (spring) out. \_\_\_\_\_ **sprang** \_\_\_\_\_
10. My air mattress has (spring) a leak. \_\_\_\_\_ **sprung** \_\_\_\_\_
11. He (swim) the length of the Golden Gate Bridge. \_\_\_\_\_ **swam** \_\_\_\_\_
12. Steven Wonder (sing) to a packed auditorium. \_\_\_\_\_ **sang** \_\_\_\_\_
13. The National Anthem was (sing) before the game. \_\_\_\_\_ **singing** \_\_\_\_\_
14. The salesman (ring) the doorbell insistently. \_\_\_\_\_ **rang** \_\_\_\_\_
15. The bell (ring) several times before I answered. \_\_\_\_\_ **rang** \_\_\_\_\_
16. The Titanic (sink). \_\_\_\_\_ **sang** \_\_\_\_\_
17. I have never (swim) in salt water. \_\_\_\_\_ **swum** \_\_\_\_\_
18. We have (begin) a new generation. \_\_\_\_\_ **begun** \_\_\_\_\_
19. The dough (begin) to rise. \_\_\_\_\_ **began** \_\_\_\_\_
20. Someone had (drink) all the cocoa. \_\_\_\_\_ **drunk** \_\_\_\_\_
21. We've only just (begin) to live. \_\_\_\_\_ **begun** \_\_\_\_\_
22. John (see) the President. \_\_\_\_\_ **saw** \_\_\_\_\_
23. The batter was (throw) out at the plate. \_\_\_\_\_ **thrown** \_\_\_\_\_
24. The teacher had (write) the assignment on the board. \_\_\_\_\_ **written** \_\_\_\_\_
25. The soldier (give) his life for his country. \_\_\_\_\_ **gave** \_\_\_\_\_
26. The poor family had (know) hunger and ill health. \_\_\_\_\_ **known** \_\_\_\_\_
27. The train had (go) when we got to the station. \_\_\_\_\_ **gone** \_\_\_\_\_

28. All of the cookies were (eat). \_\_\_\_\_ **eaten** \_\_\_\_\_
29. The toys (fall) to the floor. \_\_\_\_\_ **fell** \_\_\_\_\_
30. The power lines were (blow) down by the storm. \_\_\_\_\_ **blown** \_\_\_\_\_
31. Where have all the flowers (go)? \_\_\_\_\_ **gone** \_\_\_\_\_
32. Pinocchio's nose (grow) when he told a lie. \_\_\_\_\_ **grown** \_\_\_\_\_
33. Our friends have not (come) over for several days. \_\_\_\_\_ **come** \_\_\_\_\_
34. The talented boy had (draw) a sketch of a turbine engine.  
\_\_\_\_\_ **drawn** \_\_\_\_\_
35. It has (grow) dark outside. \_\_\_\_\_ **grown** \_\_\_\_\_
36. Ben Hur always (ride) in a chariot. \_\_\_\_\_ **rode** \_\_\_\_\_
37. The sun (rise) at 6:40 this morning. \_\_\_\_\_ **rose** \_\_\_\_\_
38. I have (take) all my required courses. \_\_\_\_\_ **taken** \_\_\_\_\_
39. I haven't (write) in my diary for months. \_\_\_\_\_ **written** \_\_\_\_\_
40. John Kennedy was (slay) by an assassin. \_\_\_\_\_ **slain** \_\_\_\_\_
41. How long have you (know) our friend? \_\_\_\_\_ **known** \_\_\_\_\_
42. The politician had (shake) so many hands he had blisters. \_\_\_\_\_ **shaken** \_\_\_\_\_
43. The water (run) over the top of the bathtub. \_\_\_\_\_ **ran** \_\_\_\_\_
44. We (see) a hit-and-run accident in front of the school. \_\_\_\_\_ **saw** \_\_\_\_\_
45. All of the leftovers were (eat). \_\_\_\_\_ **eaten** \_\_\_\_\_
46. The blistering heat had nearly (drive) the miners crazy. \_\_\_\_\_ **driven** \_\_\_\_\_
47. The students (do) everything they could. \_\_\_\_\_ **did** \_\_\_\_\_
48. Have you (bring) your camping gear? \_\_\_\_\_ **brought** \_\_\_\_\_
49. Moses (lead) the people across the desert. \_\_\_\_\_ **led** \_\_\_\_\_

50. We have always (sit) in the box seats. \_\_\_\_\_ **sat** \_\_\_\_\_
51. The sun (shine) brightly on our graduation day. \_\_\_\_\_ **shone** \_\_\_\_\_
52. The milk was (freeze) solid. \_\_\_\_\_ **frozen** \_\_\_\_\_
53. Mr. Farber (wear) a costume to the party \_\_\_\_\_ **wore** \_\_\_\_\_
54. I should have (wear) one, too. \_\_\_\_\_ **worn** \_\_\_\_\_
55. I wonder who (steal) the records. \_\_\_\_\_ **stole** \_\_\_\_\_
56. The phone had (ring) twice and then had stopped. \_\_\_\_\_ **rung** \_\_\_\_\_
57. The chef has (begin) preparing the dinner. \_\_\_\_\_ **began** \_\_\_\_\_
58. The artist (draw) with charcoal. \_\_\_\_\_ **drew** \_\_\_\_\_
59. I have never (draw) with charcoal. \_\_\_\_\_ **drawn** \_\_\_\_\_
60. The play was (write) by Shakespeare. \_\_\_\_\_ **written** \_\_\_\_\_
61. Aaron has (grow) since we last saw him. \_\_\_\_\_ **grown** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Part B**

*In each of the following sentences, underline the correct form of the verb.*

1. Look how tall you have (grew, grown) this year! \_\_\_\_\_ **grown** \_\_\_\_\_
2. I had (went, gone) to the dentist when you called. \_\_\_\_\_ **gone** \_\_\_\_\_
3. The wind (blew, blown) down a tree outside my window.  
\_\_\_\_\_ **blew** \_\_\_\_\_
4. Has the mail (come, came) yet? \_\_\_\_\_ **come** \_\_\_\_\_
5. The message was (written, wrote) in shorthand. \_\_\_\_\_ **written** \_\_\_\_\_
6. I have (gave, given) a donation to the Salvation Army. \_\_\_\_\_ **given** \_\_\_\_\_

7. The garbage was (threw, thrown) all over the sidewalk. \_\_\_\_\_ **thrown** \_\_\_\_\_
8. If I had (knew, known) you were coming, I'd have baked a cake.  
\_\_\_\_\_ **known** \_\_\_\_\_
9. The photos were (took, taken) in a studio. \_\_\_\_\_ **taken** \_\_\_\_\_
10. Have you ever (ridden, rode) in a limousine? \_\_\_\_\_ **ridden** \_\_\_\_\_
11. This furniture polish must be (shook, shaken) before every use.  
\_\_\_\_\_ **shaken** \_\_\_\_\_
12. The sun had already (risen, rose) before I awakened. \_\_\_\_\_ **risen** \_\_\_\_\_
13. All the leaves have (fell, fallen) from the trees. \_\_\_\_\_ **fell** \_\_\_\_\_
14. Who has (run, ran) out of paper? \_\_\_\_\_ **run** \_\_\_\_\_
15. We had just (ate, eaten) when the storm began. \_\_\_\_\_ **eaten** \_\_\_\_\_
16. I have never (drove, driven) a stick-shift. \_\_\_\_\_ **driven** \_\_\_\_\_
17. The boss (seen, saw) a good science fiction movie. \_\_\_\_\_ **saw** \_\_\_\_\_
18. The portrait was (drawn, drew) in charcoal. \_\_\_\_\_ **drawn** \_\_\_\_\_
19. The dragon was (slew, slain) by the brave warrior. \_\_\_\_\_ **slain** \_\_\_\_\_
20. I never (saw, seen) such an unorganized person. \_\_\_\_\_ **saw** \_\_\_\_\_