

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** _____