

PAST FORMS OF VERBS _ Exercise 1

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

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

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. _____
2. The boat had (sink) before help arrived. _____
3. I (drink) a quart of Gatorade after the tennis match. _____
4. The baby has (drink) four ounces of formula. _____
5. The survivors (swim) to safety. _____
6. The rain has (begin) to soak the infield. _____

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

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

51. The sun (shine) brightly on our graduation day. _____
52. The milk was (freeze) solid. _____
53. Mr. Farber (wear) a costume to the party. _____
54. I should have (wear) one, too. _____
55. I wonder who (steal) the records. _____
56. The phone had (ring) twice and then had stopped. _____
57. The chef has (begin) preparing the dinner. _____
58. The artist (draw) with charcoal. _____
59. I have never (draw) with charcoal. _____
60. The play was (write) by Shakespeare. _____
61. Aaron has (grow) since we last saw him. _____

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! _____
2. I had (went, gone) to the dentist when you called. _____
3. The wind (blew, blown) down a tree outside my window. _____
4. Has the mail (come, came) yet? _____
5. The message was (written, wrote) in shorthand. _____
6. I have (gave, given) a donation to the Salvation Army. _____
7. The garbage was (threw, thrown) all over the sidewalk. _____
8. If I had (knew, known) you were coming, I'd have baked a cake. _____

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