

5.50 Irregular past tense

Topic: Weather

Subtopic: Storms

Activity type/skill: Verb forms

Literacy focus: Writing

Genre: Personal recount

Objective

- Gain familiarity with irregular past tense verb forms.

What you need

- Student worksheet (see next page)
- [Audio track 5.50](#)

What to do

1. Look at the top of the first page of the student worksheet and remind students that most verbs add the suffix '-ed' to form the past tense, but point out that many of the common verbs that they have learned have irregular past tense forms.
2. Have students repeat the present and past verb forms on the list after you, and check that they remember the meanings. Revise any they are unsure of.
3. Encourage them to use this list as a reference when they are doing any written work. Show them how they can also find past tense forms of verbs in their dictionaries.
4. Look at the second page of the student worksheet and explain to students that they will hear one of the words in each pair and they should tick the word they hear. They will hear single words and they will only hear them once so they must listen carefully.
5. Play track 5.50 (Track 19 for this topic).
6. Mark their work by comparing with a partner. If there is disagreement about the correct answer, listen to the track again.

Answers:

1. find
2. run
3. rose
4. drink
5. were
6. froze
7. swam
8. dug
9. take
10. sank
11. come
12. shake
13. began
14. fly
15. gave
16. hung
17. hear
18. make
19. grow
20. meet

Extending the activity

- Repeat with other lists of regular and irregular present and past tense verb forms.

Activity fifty

! Past tense verb forms

Most verbs add – **ed** to make the past tense.
15 + 5 = 20 I added **ed** fifteen and five.

These verbs are different.

Present	Past	Present	Past
are	were	is	was
begin	began	keep	kept
bend	bent	know	knew
blow	blew	leave	left
break	broke	lie	lay
bring	brought	light	lit
can	could	lose	lost
choose	chose	make	made
come	came	meet	met
cut	cut	put	put
dig	dug	read	read
do	did	rise	rose
draw	drew	run	ran
drink	drank	say	said
drive	drove	see	saw
eat	ate	shake	shook
fall	fell	shut	shut
feed	fed	sing	sang
feel	felt	sink	sank
find	found	sit	sat
fly	flew	spin	spun
freeze	froze	spread	spread
get	got	sleep	slept
give	gave	stand	stood
go	went	swim	swam
grow	grew	take	took
hang	hung	teach	taught
have	had	tell	told
hear	heard	throw	threw
hide	hid	wear	wore
hit	hit	write	wrote
hold	held		



Track 19

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| 1. | find | <input type="radio"/> | found | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. | run | <input type="radio"/> | ran | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. | rise | <input type="radio"/> | rose | <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. | drink | <input type="radio"/> | drank | <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. | are | <input type="radio"/> | were | <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. | freeze | <input type="radio"/> | froze | <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. | swim | <input type="radio"/> | swam | <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. | dig | <input type="radio"/> | dug | <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. | take | <input type="radio"/> | took | <input type="radio"/> |
| 10. | sink | <input type="radio"/> | sank | <input type="radio"/> |
| 11. | come | <input type="radio"/> | came | <input type="radio"/> |
| 12. | shake | <input type="radio"/> | shook | <input type="radio"/> |
| 13. | begin | <input type="radio"/> | began | <input type="radio"/> |
| 14. | fly | <input type="radio"/> | flew | <input type="radio"/> |
| 15. | give | <input type="radio"/> | gave | <input type="radio"/> |
| 16. | hang | <input type="radio"/> | hung | <input type="radio"/> |
| 17. | hear | <input type="radio"/> | heard | <input type="radio"/> |
| 18. | make | <input type="radio"/> | made | <input type="radio"/> |
| 19. | grow | <input type="radio"/> | grew | <input type="radio"/> |
| 20. | meet | <input type="radio"/> | met | <input type="radio"/> |