

I. Practice with Regular and Irregular Verbs

Regular verbs add "ed" to make the past tense.

Irregular verbs do not.

These sentences give you the present tense of the verb. You must supply the past tense and past participle form of the verb.

1. Sandy works at a bakery. She _____ there last Saturday. She has _____ there for over a year.
2. Burt often listens to music. He _____ to music last night. He has _____ to music for years.
3. Anna and John study English together. They _____ together this morning. They have _____ many times.
4. It rains often in Hawaii. It _____ there yesterday. It has _____ a lot this year.
5. These toys break easily. All of these toys _____ yesterday. These toys have _____ before.
6. I swim for exercise. I _____ in this pool last week. I have _____ in many pools.
7. Lightning hits many trees in this area. Lightning _____ a tree in my yard last year. Lightning has _____ many of the trees in the park.
8. Food costs are high this year. Food _____ less last year. Tomatoes have _____ over a dollar a piece this year.
9. Mother cuts my hair every month. This month she _____ it too short. She has _____ it short before.
10. Andy often quits a job after a few weeks. He _____ his new job last week. He has _____ six different jobs.

II. Verbs with different meanings

to cut: to make an opening with something sharp
You can cut with a knife. You can cut with scissors.
Cut the cake. Cut the cake into two pieces.
Cut some cake for Jack. I cut some cake for Jack.
I cut my finger. I cut myself.
I cut myself shaving. We cut the tree down.
She cut my hair.

to cut: to reduce
We must cut our spending. The company cut the prices.
My pay was cut. Now I only get \$10.00 per hour.

Cut back means reduce.
We cut back on the amount of food we eat.

Cut across or cut through: take a shorter more direct route
The children cut through the garden. We cut across the field to get to the road.

If someone says, "cut it out", they mean stop.
You kids are too loud. You are making lots of noise. Cut it out.

To work: to have a job
I work at McDonalds four nights a week.

To work: to operate correctly
This machine works well.

To break: separate into pieces
Jo fell off her bicycle and broke her leg.
Can you break a hundred dollar bill.

To break: To make something useless
He dropped the radio and broke it.

III. Read these conversations and answer the questions:

Sharon: Mom cut my hair yesterday. She cut it too short. She always cuts it too short. I do not want Mom cutting my hair. I want to go to a salon.

Debbie: You are lucky your mom cuts your hair. I like your haircut. It looks good.

Who cuts Sharon's hair?
What did Sharon complain about?
Where does Sharon want to go?
What does Debbie think about Sharon's hair?

Pat: We should hurry. We will be late to the concert.

Jo: Let's cut across the field. That will save time.

Pat: Good idea. Let's go.

Where are Pat and Jo going?
How do they save time?