Verb Tense Quiz Key

VERB TENSE: IRREGULAR VERBS

Place correct past tense or past participle verb in blanks.

When the game show contestant (learn) **learned** that she had (choose) **chosen** the box with only a penny in it, she was badly (shake) **shaken**. She (begin) **began** to cry, and the game show host, for a minute, was (freeze) **frozen** with fear. Then he (take) **took** her hand and (say) **said**, "You have not (get) **gotten** to the end of the line yet, Mrs. Waterby. Cheer up." When she (learn) **learned** she was going to be (give) **given** one more chance, Mrs. Waterby (stop) **stopped** crying. At the host's signal, a tray was (bring) **brought** onto the stage and (place) **placed** in front of Mrs. Waterby. On the tray (sit) **sat** three shells. One shell, the host (tell) **told** her, (cover) **covered** the key to a new Lincoln Continental. Mrs. Waterby (be) **was** to choose the shell she (think) **thought** (have) **had** the key under it. There (be) **was** a long pause, and she (give) **gave** her answer, "Number three." The host (lift) **lifted** up the third shell; the key (be) **was** underneath. Mrs. Waterby (be) **was** ecstatic. She (dance) **danced** about the stage just as she had been (instruct) **instructed** to do if she (win) **won**. Her husband (run) **ran** upon stage and (embrace) **embraced** her. They had (realize) **realized** the great American dream: they had (get) **gotten** something for nothing.
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Identify the tense of each underlined verb. Choose from the following list, and place the appropriate letter in the space provided.

A. present  
B. present perfect  
C. past  
D. past perfect  
E. future  
F. future perfect

1. The children play in the dirty streets every day.  A
2. How long has James been in jail?  D
3. He has assured us that he is going to pay the bill.  F
4. After lunch they went to the art show to see Alice's painting.  C
5. Sherry has worked at Starbuck's since April.  D
6. John will be six years old next month.  E
7. If the general's new offensive succeeds, we shall have won the war by fall.  F
8. Before going into politics, he had had little success at anything.  D
9. Mrs. Jones will write the party invitations later today.  E
10. Dr. Baker said that he had lost his watch at the Braves game.  D
11. Allison has lived in an apartment for six months.  D
12. Next month, Mr. and Mrs. Jamison will have been married for forty years.  F
13. Jason eats breakfast in the student center each morning.  A
14. Residents of Oak Park, Illinois, pay high property taxes.  A
15. Much to his aunt's surprise, Sam sat down at her piano and played Chopin.  C