

# 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**