Verb Tense Quiz

VERB TENSE: IRREGULAR VERBS

Place correct past tense or past participle verb in blanks.

When the game show contestant (learn) ___________ that she had (choose) ___________ the box with only a penny in it, she was badly (shake). She (begin) _____________ to cry, and the game show host, for a minute, was (freeze) _____________ with fear. Then he (take) ____________ her hand and (say) ____________, "You have not (get) _____________ to the end of the line yet, Mrs. Waterby. Cheer up." When she (learn) _____________ she was going to be (give) ____________ one more chance, Mrs. Waterby (stop) _____________ crying. At the host's signal, a tray was (bring) _____________ onto the stage and (place) _____________ in front of Mrs. Waterby. On the tray (sit) _____________ three shells. One shell, the host (tell) _____________ her, (cover) _____________ the key to a new Lincoln Continental. Mrs. Waterby (be) _____________ to choose the shell she (think) _____________ (have) ___________ the key under it. There (be) _____________ a long pause, and she (give) _____________ her answer, "Number three." The host (lift) _____________ up the third shell; the key (be) _____________ underneath. Mrs. Waterby (be) _____________ ecstatic. She (dance) _____________ about the stage just as she had been (instruct) _____________ to do if she (win) _____________. Her husband (run) _____________ upon stage and (embrace) _____________ her. They had (realize) _____________ the great American dream: they had (get) _____________ 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. _____
2. How long has James been in jail? _____
3. He has assured us that he is going to pay the bill. _____
4. After lunch they went to the art show to see Alice's painting. _____
5. Sherry has worked at Starbuck's since April. _____
6. John will be six years old next month. _____
7. If the general's new offensive succeeds, we shall have won the war by fall. _____
8. Before going into politics, he had had little success at anything. _____
9. Mrs. Jones will write the party invitations later today. _____
10. Dr. Baker said that he had lost his watch at the Braves game. _____
11. Allison has lived in an apartment for six months. _____
12. Next month, Mr. and Mrs. Jamison will have been married for forty years. _____
13. Jason eats breakfast in the student center each morning. _____
14. Residents of Oak Park, Illinois, pay high property taxes. _____
15. Much to his aunt's surprise, Sam sat down at her piano and played Chopin. _____