Worksheet 1: Completing the Core Set

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: B1 (CEFR)

Reference: 20 More Irregular Verbs

The 40 verbs you learned at A1–A2, plus these 20, give you a working core of around 60 irregular verbs — enough for most everyday communication.

Infinitive	Past simple	Past participle	Notes
arise	**arose**	**arisen**	formal; a problem *arises*
bear	**bore**	**borne / born**	*born* for birth only
beat	**beat**	**beaten**	past simple = infinitive
bend	**bent**	**bent**	
bind	**bound**	**bound**	also: find / found / found
bite	**bit**	**bitten**	
blow	**blew**	**blown**	-ew / -own group
burn	**burnt / burned**	**burnt / burned**	both forms standard
burst	**burst**	**burst**	no-change group
deal	**dealt**	**dealt**	rhymes with *felt*
feed	**fed**	**fed**	
forbid	**forbade**	**forbidden**	formal register
hang	**hung / hanged**	**hung / hanged**	*hanged* = executed only
hold	**held**	**held**	
lay	**laid**	**laid**	transitive; ≠ *lie*
lead	**led**	**led**	pronounced /led/
lie	**lay**	**lain**	intransitive; ≠ *lay*
ride	**rode**	**ridden**	
rise	**rose**	**risen**	intransitive; ≠ *raise*
spread	**spread**	**spread**	no-change group

Exercise: Fill the Gaps

> **Complete with the correct form of the verb in brackets.**

1. The company has _____ her to the position of manager. *(lead)*
2. The dog _____ the postman yesterday. *(bite)*
3. Prices have _____ sharply this year. *(rise)*
4. She _____ on the grass and read her book. *(lie)*
5. He _____ the table and left. *(rise)*
6. The news _____ quickly on social media. *(spread)*
7. New challenges have _____ since the merger. *(arise)*
8. She was _____ in 1989 in Lisbon. *(bear/born)*

Score: _____ / 20

Worksheet 2: Passive Voice

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: B1 (CEFR)

Reference: Passive = be + Past Participle

In the passive voice, the verb is always: **form of *be* + past participle**. Using the wrong participle (e.g. the past simple form instead) is a common error.

Tense	Passive structure	Example
Present simple	is / are + pp	English **is spoken** here.
Past simple	was / were + pp	The letter **was written** by hand.
Present perfect	has / have been + pp	It **has been stolen**.
Future simple	will be + pp	The results **will be sent** tomorrow.
Modal	modal + be + pp	It **must be done** today.

Part A – Active to Passive

> **Rewrite each sentence in the passive. Keep the same tense.**

1. Someone stole my wallet.

   _____

2. They have built a new stadium.

   _____

3. The police caught the thief.

   _____

4. They will hold the meeting in Berlin.

   _____

5. Someone has broken the window.

   _____

6. They feed the animals twice a day.

   _____

7. A famous architect designed the building.

   _____

8. The government must deal with this problem.

   _____

Part B – Correct the Past Participle

> **Each passive sentence uses the wrong irregular form. Correct it.**

#	Wrong sentence	Correction
1	The bridge was build in 1902.	
2	The prize has been gave to the wrong person.	
3	The suspect was took to the police station.	
4	All the food was ate within an hour.	
5	The report will be wrote by the committee.	
6	She was bore in France.	

Score: _____ / 25

Worksheet 3: Tricky Pairs and False Friends

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: B1 (CEFR)

Reference: The Most Confused Pairs

Pair	The difference	Examples
lie / lay	*lie* = to recline (intransitive): lie / **lay** / lain *lay* = to put down (transitive): lay / **laid** / laid	She **lay** on the bed. (past of *lie*) She **laid** the book on the table.
rise / raise	*rise* = to go up (intransitive): rise / **rose** / risen *raise* = to lift (transitive): raise / **raised** / raised (regular!)	Prices **rose**. They **raised** prices.
hang	*hung* = things on a hook *hanged* = executed by hanging	She **hung** the picture. He was **hanged** in 1850.
burn / dream / learn / smell / spell / spill	British English prefers **-t** forms (burnt, dreamt, etc.); American English uses **-ed** (burned, dreamed, etc.). Both are correct.	She **dreamt/dreamed** of flying.
beat	Past simple = **beat** (same as infinitive). Past participle = **beaten**. Common error: "was beat" in passive.	We **beat** them 3–0. / They were **beaten**.

Part A – Lie or Lay?

> **Write the correct form of *lie* or *lay* in the correct tense.**

1. He _____ the keys on the counter and went out. *(past simple)*
2. She _____ in bed all morning because she was ill. *(past simple)*
3. The injured player is _____ on the pitch. *(present participle)*
4. The cat has _____ in that same spot for hours. *(present perfect)*
5. He has _____ the table for dinner. *(present perfect)*
6. Where do hens _____ their eggs? *(infinitive)*

Part B – Rise or Raise?

> **Fill each gap with the correct form of *rise* or *raise*.**

1. The sun _____ at 6:14 tomorrow. *(future)*
2. The government has _____ the minimum wage again. *(present perfect)*
3. Temperatures _____ by three degrees last summer. *(past simple)*

4. She _____ her hand to ask a question. *(past simple)*

5. Unemployment has _____ to a ten-year high. *(present perfect)*

6. He _____ from his chair and left the room. *(past simple)*

Part C – Hung or Hanged? Beat or Beaten?

> **Circle the correct form.**

1. She (hung / hanged) her coat on the door.

2. The dictator was (hung / hanged) after the trial.

3. We (beat / beaten) the other team easily.

4. They were (beat / beaten) in the final.

5. He has never been (beat / beaten) in a chess match.

Score: _____ / 30

Worksheet 4: Editing and Extended Writing

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: B1 (CEFR)

Part A – Intensive Edit

> **This text contains eight irregular verb errors. Find and correct them all.**

The charity was founded in 1996 and has growed rapidly since then. It was builded to help families that had been effected by poverty. Over the years, it has dealed with thousands of cases and has rose over ten million euros in donations. Last year, the organisation was lead by its youngest ever director, who was bore in 1990. Many challenges have arose during its history, but the team has always beated them. The work has been spended wisely, and the charity's reputation has never been better.

#	Error	Correction
1		
2		
3		
4		
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Part B – Guided Writing

Write **120–150 words** describing a news story (real or invented) using passive structures. You must include: (1) at least six passive sentences; (2) at least four different irregular past participles; (3) at least two different passive tenses.

Word count: _____ Passive sentences: _____ / 6 Irregular participles: _____ / 4

Score: _____ / 35

Answer Key & Teacher Notes

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Worksheet 1 – Fill the Gaps

1 led · 2 bit · 3 risen · 4 lay · 5 rose · 6 spread · 7 arisen · 8 born

> *Items 3 and 5 contrast risen (past participle, present perfect) with rose (past simple). Item 4 requires lay (past simple of intransitive lie) — this is the most common error in this set.*

Worksheet 2 – Part A (Active to Passive)

#	Model answer
1	**My wallet was stolen.**
2	**A new stadium has been built.**
3	**The thief was caught by the police.**
4	**The meeting will be held in Berlin.**
5	**The window has been broken.**
6	**The animals are fed twice a day.**
7	**The building was designed by a famous architect.**
8	**This problem must be dealt with by the government.**

> *Item 8 produces "dealt with" — the preposition must be retained with prepositional verbs in the passive. This often surprises learners.*

Worksheet 2 – Part B

1 built · 2 given · 3 taken · 4 eaten · 5 written · 6 born

Worksheet 3 – Part A (Lie or Lay?)

1 laid · 2 lay · 3 lying · 4 lain · 5 laid · 6 lay

> *The hardest item is 4: has lain (present perfect of intransitive lie) is rare and sounds odd to most learners. Worth noting that in informal speech, "has lay" is sometimes heard but is non-standard.*

Worksheet 3 – Part B (Rise or Raise?)

1 will rise · 2 raised · 3 rose · 4 raised · 5 risen · 6 rose

Worksheet 3 – Part C

1 hung · 2 hanged · 3 beat · 4 beaten · 5 beaten

Worksheet 4 – Part A

#	Error	Correction
1	has growed	**has grown**
2	was builded	**was built**
3	has dealed	**has dealt**
4	has rose	**has raised** ***(transitive — raised money)***
5	was lead	**was led**
6	was bore	**was born**
7	have arose	**have arisen**
8	has beated / has beated them	**has beaten them**

> *Item 4 contains a transitive/intransitive error as well as a participle error: rise cannot take an object; the correct verb is raise (regular in all forms). Note also that effected in the original is a separate vocabulary error (should be affected) — not an irregular verb issue, but worth noting.*

Worksheet 4 – Part B: Marking Guide

Criterion	Descriptor	Marks
Passive range	Six or more passive sentences; at least two tenses	0–5
Participle accuracy	Four or more different irregular participles correctly formed	0–4
Coherence	Text reads as a connected report, not a list	0–3
Task & length	120–150 words	0–3