## Irregular Past Tense Verbs

### Functional Activity Ideas

#### Example Statements

- "He threw the ball."
- "She hit the ball."
- "She made the shot."
- "I had to help my elderly aunt."
- "My little brother hid my watch."
- "I lost my car keys."
- "This just in. Joe shook hands with Ed. Ed gave Joe an answer to an important question that Joe had. They then left for class."

#### Activities

- Describe a completed sporting event. Use clips from the internet if necessary.
- Role play making excuses for being late to an appointment. Provide the reason in present tense.
- Report a news story. The story can be about something ordinary that happened in the room or in the hall.

#### Funny Sentences

Correct “funny” sentences. For example,

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Incorrect</th>
<th>Correct</th>
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<tr>
<td>I drawed a picture.</td>
<td>The dog runned after the cat.</td>
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<td>He writed a book.</td>
<td>Mom lost her car keys.</td>
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<td>She readed the whole book.</td>
<td>The pitcher throwed a strike.</td>
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<td>We meeted the new teacher.</td>
<td>I rided my bike home.</td>
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<td>Mom buyed a new car.</td>
<td>The thunder waked me up.</td>
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Sam taked his backpack to school this morning.
He thought he knowed the answer.
My mother heared a bird singed before it flied away.
The teacher told us not to forgot our homework.
The ground shaked violently during the earthquake.
I accidentally tearred my paper into four pieces.
She understood most of the directions for the report.
I was glad that my new clothes fitted perfectly.

### Shout out!

Rapidly state past tense verbs. Students are instructed to quickly state if the word is right or wrong. For extra metalinguistic practice, students can give reasons for incorrect verbs. Examples of incorrect verbs are:

- breaked
- cutted
- ated
- begought
- fitted
- seed
- teached
- hided
- strunk
- span
- hanged
- falled