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Answer Key: Think You've Mastered the Irregular Verb? 7th Grade Grammar Challenge

Navigate complex sentence structures and historical contexts as you prove you can handle the most deceptive verb shifts in the English language.

1. Early explorers _____ across the Atlantic, documenting unknown currents and celestial patterns to improve navigation.

Answer: B) swam

In the simple past tense, 'swam' is the correct irregular form of 'swim'. 'Swum' is the past participle used with helping verbs like 'has' or 'had'.

2. The tension between the rival factions has _____ since the signing of the last peace treaty.

Answer: B) arisen

With the auxiliary verb 'has' (present perfect tense), we must use the past participle 'arisen' instead of the simple past 'arose'.

3. In the sentence 'The architect built the skyscraper,' the verb 'built' is an irregular verb.

Answer: A) True

True. The verb 'build' does not follow the standard -ed pattern; its past tense and past participle are both 'built'.

4. After the marathon, several runners _____ water to the finish line to help those struggling with dehydration.

Answer: C) brought

The past tense of 'bring' is 'brought'. Forms like 'brang' or 'bringed' are non-standard and grammatically incorrect.

5. Before the symphony ended, the lead cellist had _____ several complex solos that left the audience in awe.

Answer: C) striven

The past participle of 'strive' is 'striven'. When using the past perfect ('had'), 'striven' is the correct grammatical choice.

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6. The past tense of the verb 'burst' is 'bursted'.

Answer: B) False

False. 'Burst' is an unchanging irregular verb; its present, past, and past participle forms are all 'burst'.

7. Which of these sentences correctly uses the past participle of 'fly'?

Answer: C) The aircraft had flown over the mountain range at dawn.

The principal parts of 'fly' are fly (present), flew (past), and flown (past participle). 'Flown' is the correct form for perfect tenses.

8. The ancient scrolls were _____ in a hidden chamber for centuries until archaeologists uncovered them last spring.

Answer: B) kept

The past participle of 'keep' is 'kept'. In the passive voice ('were kept'), this is the standard irregular form.

9. Despite the storm's intensity, the oak tree _____ firm against the gale winds.

Answer: A) stood

The simple past tense of 'stand' is 'stood'. 'Standed' is not a word in standard English.

10. In the sentence 'She has written her memoir,' the verb 'written' is the past participle of 'write'.

Answer: A) True

True. 'Write' is an irregular verb with three distinct forms: write (present), wrote (past), and written (past participle).