

Test Your Grammar Skills

The Funny Noise – Irregular Verbs in the Past Simple Tense

a) Read the letter below from Alan to his friend Ethel. All the **irregular** verbs have the wrong ending – a **regular** '-ed' ending! Underline each one.

b) Write the letter again, using the correct past simple form of each irregular verb.

Dear Ethel

I'm writing to tell you about something that happened yesterday. I getted up at the usual time - about 10am - haved a shower and maked breakfast. I eated a big bowl of cereal and some toast and watched TV for a while. Then I goed into the kitchen where I heard a funny noise. I thinked it comed from behind the cooker. I getted my tool box and moved the cooker out of the way.

The noise getted louder but I couldn't see anything. I ringed my uncle to ask his advice. He sayed that he thinked it could be a gas leak. When I heard this I just panicked! I putted the phone down, runned outside, getted in my car and drived to the local police station. I telled them about my gas leak but the constable losed his patience with me. He sayed that I should have phoned the gas company. He writed his report, then ringed the gas company for me.

Then I remembered that my house doesn't have gas - only electricity! I feeled really stupid and knowed that the constable would be angry with me for wasting his time, so I runned out of the police station while he ised still on the phone. I goed home to try to find out what the noise ised. On the way I buyed a newspaper and I readed about an escaped llama that breaked out of the city safari park last Wednesday.

When I getted home I putted my key in the door, turned it, goed inside and straight away heard that funny noise again. I holded my breath and opened the door slowly. Guess what? I finded the llama hiding in my cupboard! I letted him stay and he sleeped in my garden last night. The snoring ised so loud! This morning I taked him back to the safari park. They ared really pleased to see him again and gived me a reward of £50!

Hope you are well. Write soon and let me know how you are. Your friend,

Alan

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