

Test Your Grammar Skills

The Funny Noise – Irregular Verbs in the Past Simple Tense (gap-fill)

Complete the gaps with an irregular verb in the past simple tense. Choose from:

be, break, buy, come, drive, eat, feel, find, get, give, go, have, hear, hold, know, let, lose, make, put, read, ring, run, say, sleep, take, think, tell, write

Note: you will need to use some verbs more than once:

Dear Ethel

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

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

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

When I _____ home I _____ my key in the door, turned it, _____ inside and straight away _____ that funny noise again. I _____ my breath and opened the door slowly. Guess what? I _____ the llama hiding in my cupboard! I _____ him stay and he _____ in my garden last night. The snoring _____ so loud! This morning I _____ him back to the safari park. They _____ really pleased to see him again and _____ 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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Answers:

Dear Ethel

I'm writing to tell you about something that happened yesterday. I **got** up at the usual time - about 10 am - **had** a shower and **made** breakfast. I **ate** a big bowl of cereal and some toast and watched TV for a while. Then I **went** into the kitchen where I **heard** a funny noise. I **thought** it **came** from behind the cooker. I **got** my tool box and moved the cooker out of the way.

The noise **got** louder but I couldn't see anything. I **rang** my uncle to ask his advice. He **said** that he **thought** it could be a gas leak. When I **heard** this I just panicked! I **put** the phone down, **ran** outside, **got** in my car and **drove** to the local police station. I **told** them about my gas leak but the constable **lost** his patience with me. He **said** that I should have phoned the gas company. He **wrote** his report, then **rang** the gas company for me.

Then I remembered that my house doesn't have gas - only electricity! I **felt** really stupid and **knew** that the constable would be angry with me for wasting his time, so I **ran** out of the police station while he **was** still on the phone. I **went** home to try to find out what the noise **was**. On the way I **bought** a newspaper and I **read** about an escaped llama that **broke** out of the city safari park last Wednesday.

When I **got** home I **put** my key in the door, turned it, **went** inside and straight away **heard** that funny noise again. I **held** my breath and opened the door slowly. Guess what? I **found** the llama hiding in my cupboard! I **let** him stay and he **slept** in my garden last night. The snoring **was** so loud! This morning I **took** him back to the safari park. They **were** really pleased to see him again and **gave** me a reward of £50!

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