



# HIGH FREQUENCY IRREGULAR PAST TENSE VERB WORKOUT 4 (knew, drew, grew, threw)



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The girl knows about maths.



The boy knew that the red planet was Mars.



The girl knew that  $1 + 2$  is 3.



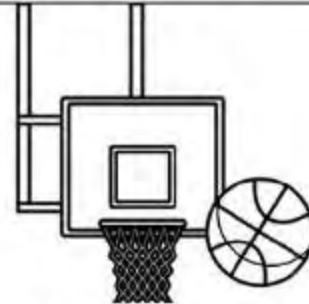
Dad knows about plants.



Mum knows about sports.



Dad knew that a desert plant with spikes is called a cactus.



Mum knew that the hoop and orange ball are used in basketball.



## High frequency irregular past tense verb work out 4 (knew, drew, grew, threw)

At around 30-36 months of age, typically developing children start to use irregular past tense verbs such as came, fell, broke, sat, and went in sentences. For many people - including people learning English as a second language and people with language disorders - learning irregular past tense verbs is a huge challenge. Unfortunately, many of the highest frequency verbs in English have irregular past tense forms.

To help people to learn irregular past tense verbs methodically, we've reviewed the New General Service List-Spoken (Brown & Culligan, 2013): a list containing 721 words providing up to 90% coverage for unscripted spoken English. We've extracted the 57 most frequent irregular verbs in spoken English, and then sorted them into 10 broad groups.

In this pack 4, we cover four of the highest frequency verbs in English with irregular past tense forms. We tackle them one at a time, with "mini-stories" for each verb. We then put them all together for extra practice and revision. Here's what we cover in this pack:

- know/knew
- draw/drew
- grow/grew
- throw/threw

How exciting! The family are going on a TV quiz show!  
They will win a prize if they know all the answers.



The boy knows about  
planets.



The girl knows about  
maths.



Dad knows about  
plants.



Mum knows about  
sports.



The family goes to the TV studio! They are very nervous.

Why do you think they feel this way? The host asks the questions:

“Which planet is red?” asks the host.  
The boy **knows** the answer: “Mars”, he says.



“What is  $1+2$ ?”  
The girl **knows** the answer: “3”, she says.

“Which plant is spiky and grows in the desert?” asks the host.  
Dad **knows** the answer: “The cactus”, he says.

What sport has a hoop and an orange ball?  
Mum **knows** the answer! “Basketball”, says Mum.



Yay! The family wins the game. They win a new car!

The family drive to Grandpa's house to tell him the good news.

"We won the game show!" shouts the boy.

"Great," says Grandpa.

"Who answered the questions?"

"We all did," says the girl, smiling.

"Really?" asks Grandpa. "Who **knew** what?"

Can you remember?

Who **knew** that the red planet was Mars?

Who **knew** that  $1+2$  is 3?

Who **knew** that a desert plant with spikes is called a cactus?

Who **knew** that a hoop and orange ball are used in basketball?



That's right!

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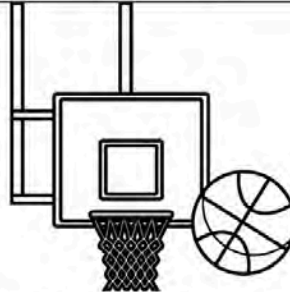
The boy knew that the red planet was Mars.



The girl knew that  
 $1 + 2$  is 3.



Dad knew that a desert plant with spikes is called a cactus.



Mum knew that the hoop and orange ball are used in basketball.

The family members **knew** all the answers!

Before today, did you know any of the answers? Tell me which ones you **knew**? 6

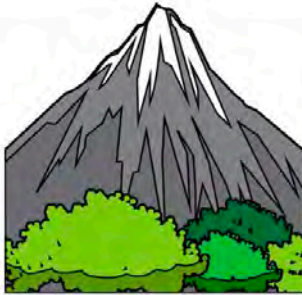
The family wants to explore. But it's raining outside.  
Everyone is sad.



“I have an idea,” says the boy. “Instead of exploring in the rain, why don't we **draw** where we would like to go?”

Everyone thinks it is a good idea.

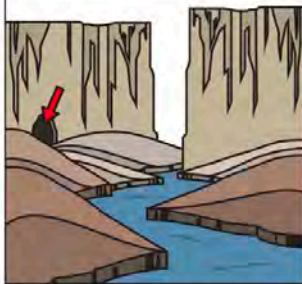




Dad draws a mountain.



The boy draws a park.



The girl draws a cave.



Mum draws a plane.

“Now let’s add in some animals to make your pictures more exciting,” says Mum.





Dad draws a billy-goat to go with his mountain.



The boy draws a spider to live in his park.



The girl draws a bear to hide in her cave.



Mum draws some snakes to sneak onto her plane.

They do such a good job, they decide to take photos of their artworks and send them to Grandma on Mum's phone.

Grandma calls up later that night. "Great pictures.  
But who drew what?"

Can you remember?



Who drew the mountain?  
Who drew the park?  
Who drew the cave?  
Who drew the plane?



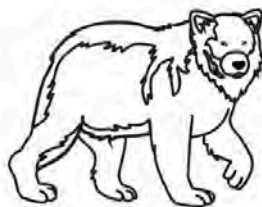
“I love the animals,” laughs Grandma. “Who **drew** them?” Can you remember?



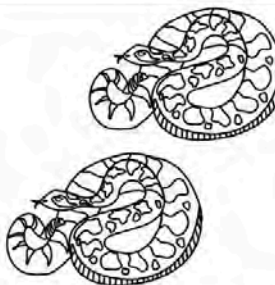
Dad drew the billygoat to go with his mountain.



The boy drew a spider to live in his park.



The girl drew a bear to hide in her cave.



Mum drew some snakes to sneak onto her plane.

“You are all such good artists,” says Grandma. “I love what you all **drew!**”

Finally, it stops raining. The sun comes out.



Grandpa comes over and talks to Dad. Grandpa and Dad love gardening.

They decide to grow some vegetables. If they plant them today, they should be ready to pick in Summer! The family can make its own vegetable soup!



Dad and Grandpa disappear to the nursery and come back hours later with bags of seeds for everyone.





“I want you all to choose some seeds to grow,” says Grandpa handing out the seeds.



Mum grows pumpkins.



Dad grows tomatoes.



The boy grows beans.



Grandpa grows  
carrots.

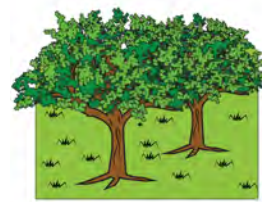


The girl does not like vegetables.  
“You have to **grow** something!”  
shouts Grandpa. “That’s final.”

“OK,” says the girl cheekily. “I’ll **grow** my  
hair and my fingernails!”



The family plants all their seeds, then waits and waits.  
Winter comes. Then it’s Spring. Finally it’s Summer.



“Time to harvest!” bellows Grandpa one fine morning. (He’s very excited.)  
But who **grew** what?

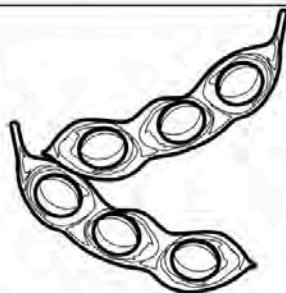
Do you remember what everyone **grew**?



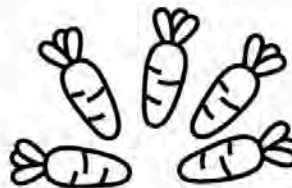
Mum grew pumpkins.



Dad grew tomatoes.



The boy grew beans.



Grandpa grew carrots.

But what about the girl? She **grew** something completely different. Can you remember what she **grew**?

That's right! Her hair and fingernails!



The family clean and prepare their vegetables. They put them in a big pot with water. Grandpa stirs the pot for hours. Finally, the soup is ready.





He gives Mum a bowl. "You **grew** such delicious pumpkins."  
He gives Dad a bowl. "You **grew** very fresh tomatoes."  
He gives the boy a bowl. "You **grew** very crisp beans."  
Then he gives himself a bowl. "I deserve this. I **grew** such sweet carrots!"



Everyone starts slurping their soup hungrily.

Except for one person.



“Where’s my bowl?” whinges the girl.  
“I **grew** my hair and fingernails!”

“Well, we’re not putting your hair or fingernails in our soup!” says the boy, helping himself to a second bowl of home-grown soup.



Everyone laughs, except the girl.  
The girl huffs out of the kitchen in a bad mood.

To cheer up the girl, the family decides to go for a picnic at a park near the lake.

While Dad cooks a barbecue,



the rest of the family play soccer for a while, and then eat some snacks.



Suddenly, the family hear someone shouting and splashing from the lake. They run to the lake's edge and peer out.

They see a small boat sinking and a small figure thrashing about in the water.



“It’s an old man,” says the boy. “He can’t swim! Let’s jump in and save him”.





“It’s too dangerous,” says Dad,  
holding the boy back.

“The water is too rough.  
We’re going to have to get him  
out another way.”



“I know,” says the girl. “Let’s **throw** something to him, so  
he can float on it.”



“Good idea,” says Dad. “What do we have?”

The girl **throws** a rock, but it sinks to the bottom of the lake.

The boy **throws** the soccer ball, but it only goes about half way, and the old man can't reach it.



Dad **throws** an inflatable mattress, but it's got a hole in it and can't hold the old man's weight.



Mum runs to the nearest boat, jumps aboard, grabs a life-vest and a rope, and then **throws** it to the old man.



Success! The old man is saved!



Mum pulls the old man to shore, and the family realises it's not just any old man. It's Grandpa! And he is not in a good mood.



“It’s about time,” he splutters.  
“I nearly drowned. What was all that nonsense you **threw** at me?”

Everyone (except Mum) looks a bit embarrassed.

Can you remember what everyone **threw**?



“The girl **threw** a rock,” says the boy.  
“Foolish girl!” says Grandpa. “Rocks don’t float!”



“Well, the boy **threw** the soccer ball,” says the girl.  
“You need to practice!” says Grandpa.  
“You threw it barely half way!”



“I **threw** a mattress,” says Dad, a bit annoyed  
with Grandpa.



“Useless. You should have checked it for holes!”  
shouts Grandpa, coughing up water.

“Well, I **threw** you the rope with the life-vest,” says Mum.  
“The only sensible decision,” says Grandpa.  
“Thank goodness someone was prepared!”





“You know who else wasn’t prepared?” says Dad to Grandpa.

“You! Who goes on a boat without a life-vest?”



Now it’s Grandpa’s turn to look embarrassed. “You are right,” he says. “I thought I **threw** it into my backpack last night. And I did!”

“Then why didn’t you have it?” asks Mum.





Grandpa looks really embarrassed.  
“I think I **threw** out the backpack when  
I took out the rubbish this morning!”



“Oh Grandpa,” says the girl. “That’s the kind of thing I usually do!”

The family laughs and has a big hug.

“OK, now that I’m saved, what’s for lunch?”  
asks Grandpa sniffing the barbecue.



When they get back, Grandma wants to know what happened.

“I was so worried about Grandpa. I didn’t know where you were. But, somehow, I knew you were in trouble. I have a headache from worrying so much!”



All morning while everyone was gone, Grandma’s headache **grew** and **grew**.

“I nearly drowned,” says Grandpa.

Grandma frowns. She tells everyone to be quiet. Then she orders everyone to **draw** what happened.

Nervously, the rest of the family goes into the kitchen. After about 10 minutes, they return and show Grandma their pictures.

“What did you **draw** in there?” asks Grandpa.

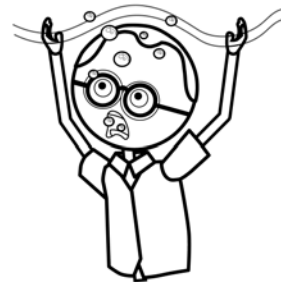


The girl **drew** a picture showing Grandpa splashing around next to his sinking boat.

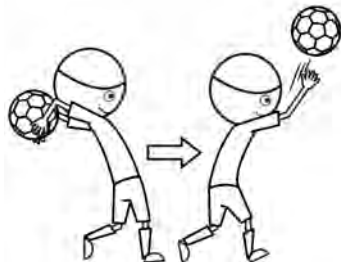
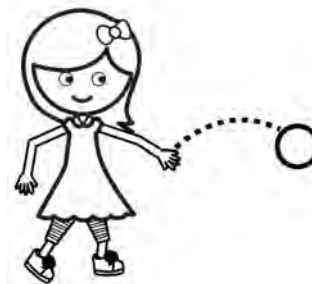
“I **knew** it!” says Grandma.

“I found your life-vest in the rubbish this morning. You **threw** it out.

So how did you survive?”

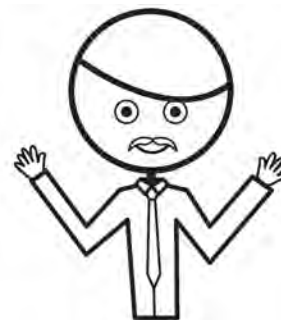


The boy **drew** a picture of the girl.  
“So she **threw** a rock,” Grandma says  
shaking her head. “I knew she would panic.”

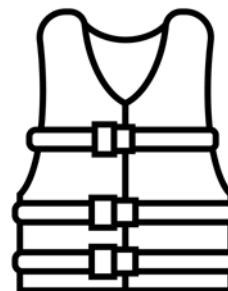


Dad **drew** a picture of the boy.  
“So he **threw** a soccer ball half-way,”  
says Grandma. “I knew that he wasn’t  
strong enough.”

Mum **drew** a picture of Dad. “He **threw** a  
leaky air-mattress?” asks Grandma.  
“I knew he was sometimes silly,  
but this takes the cake!”

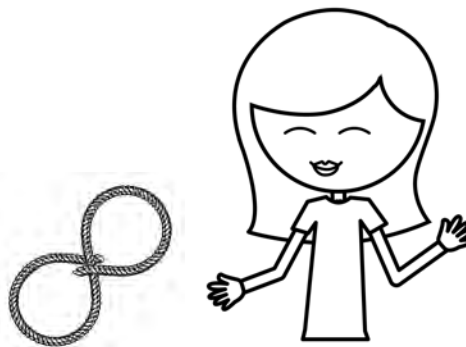


Grandpa points to Mum, smiling.  
“She **threw** me a rope and a life-vest”.



“I knew there had to be at least one sensible person in the family,” says Grandma, hugging Mum.

“I just knew my daughter-in-law would save the day. Luckily, she knew what she was doing and **threw** you something useful.”





“That’s what I said,” says Grandpa.  
Grandma frowns at Grandpa, noticing  
that he’s shivering a bit.



“We’ll talk about it more after you’ve had a nice warm  
bath and some soup.”



The rest of the family knows that it’s time to leave.

Lucky Grandpa!

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