



Children's Development of Irregular Past Tense Verb Forms

Table 3. The order and age of development of the irregular past tense verbs using a sentence-completion task. (80% mastery level)

Verbs	Rank Order	Age
hit	1.0	3-0 thru 3.5
hurt	2.0	3-0 thru 3-5
went	3.0	3-6 thru 3-11
saw	4.0	4-0 thru 4-5
gave	5.0	4-6 thru 4-11
ate	6.0	4-6 thru 4-11
took	7.0	5-0 thru 5-5
fell	8.0	5-0 thru 5-5
broke	9.0	5-0 thru 5-5
found	10.0	5-0 thru 5-5
came	11.0	5-6 thru 5-11
made	12.0	5-6 thru 5-11
threw	13.5	5-6 thru 5-11
sat	13.5	5-6 thru 5-11
ran	15.0	6-0 thru 6-5
flew	17.0	6-0 thru 6-5
wore	17.0	6-0 thru 6-5
wrote	17.0	6-0 thru 6-5
cut	19.5	6-0 thru 6-5
fed	19.5	6-0 thru 6-5
drove	21.5	6-0 thru 6-5
bit	21.5	6-0 thru 6-5
blew	23.0	6-6 thru 6-11
read	24.0	6-6 thru 6-11
shot	25.0	6-6 thru 6-11
rode	26.0	6-6 thru 6-11
drank	27.0	7-0 thru 7-5
hid	28.0	7-6 thru 7-11
rang	29.0	7-6 thru 7-11
slept	30.0	7-6 thru 7-11
drew	31.0	7-6 thru 7-11
dug	32.5	7-6 thru 7-11
swam	32.5	7-6 thru 7-11
left	34.0	8-0 thru 8-5
caught	35.5	8-0 thru 8-5
slid	35.5	8-0 thru 8-5
hung	37.0	8-0 thru 8-5
sent	38.5	8-6 thru 8-11
shook	38.5	8-6 thru 8-11
built	40.0	8-6 thru 8-11

go / went	
see / saw	
give / gave	
eat / ate	
take / took	
fall / fell	
break / broke	
find / found	
come / came	
make / made	
throw / threw	
sit / sat	
run / ran	
fly / flew	
wear / wore	
write / wrote	
cut/ cut	
feed / fed	
drive / drove	
bite / bit	



www.facebook.com/OMazingKidsYoga

Note. Nine words did not reach criterion by 8-5 through 8-11 years. These were bent, chose, fought, held, sang, sank, stood, swang, and swept.