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**1. Common Anomalies:**

Base Form	Past		Definition
can	could	-----	used to indicate ability, permission
may	might	-----	to be allowed to
shall	should	-----	indicates future tense, first person
will	would	-----	used to indicate future tense
must	-----	-----	to be obliged, compelled, required
ought	-----	-----	indicates obligation, desirability
be	was/were	been	to exist, occur

**2. Infinitive, Past and Past Participle are the same:**

let	let	let	to allow, permit; to rent
set	set	set	to put in a specific position

put	put	put	to set or place in a specific location
cut	cut	cut	to sever with a sharp edge

cost	cost	cost	to be the price of something
hit	hit	hit	to strike, to give a blow
hurt	hurt	hurt	to damage, injure or cause pain

**3. Infinitive is different, Past and Past Participle are the same:**

mean	meant	meant	to signify, represent; to intend
send	sent	sent	to cause to be transported
spend	spent	spent	to use up money

feed	fed	fed	to provide food
lead	led	led	to guide or direct, command
read	read	read	to grasp written material

keep	kept	kept	to maintain possession of
sleep	slept	slept	to rest in a semi-unconscious state

feel	felt	felt	to perceive sensations
leave	left	left	to depart; to allow to remain
meet	met	met	to come together; to be introduced

make	made	made	to create, construct; to compel
pay	paid	paid	to give money in exchange
say	said	said	to express verbally

bring	brought	brought	to carry from one place to another
buy	bought	bought	to acquire in exchange for money
fight	fought	fought	to contend with by word or force
think	thought	thought	to reason about, consider, believe
catch	caught	caught	to capture, seize, grab
teach	taught	taught	to impart knowledge, instruct

sell	sold	sold	to give in exchange for money
tell	told	told	to give an account, narrate

have	had	had	to possess, contain
sit	sat	sat	to rest on one's hindquarters

build	built	built	to construct
find	found	found	to come upon by search or accident

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**3. Infinitive is different, Past and Past Participle are the same (continued):**

hear	heard	heard	to perceive sound
hold	held	held	to keep by grasping
lose	lost	lost	to fail to win or keep possession of
stand	stood	stood	to assume an upright position
win	won	won	to achieve victory or success

**4. Infinitive is different, Past and Past Participle are the same, as in Category 3, but the Past and Past Participle also have a regular form:**

burn	burnt/burned	burnt/burned	to harm, damage or destroy by fire
learn	learnt/learned	learnt/learned	to obtain knowledge or ability
dream	dreamt/dreamed	dreamt/dreamed	to see images while sleeping

**5. Infinitive is different, Past and Past Participle are the same, as in Category 3, but the Past Participle has an additional irregular form**

bite	bit	bit/ bitten	to cut, tear or grab with the teeth
hide	hid	hid/hidden	to put and keep out of sight

get	got	got/gotten	to obtain, acquire, purchase
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**6. Infinitive, Past and Past Participle are different:**

begin	began	begun	to commence, start, initiate
drink	drank	drunk	to ingest liquid
sing	sang	sung	to utter words with melody
swim	swam	swum	to propel oneself through water

drive	drove	driven	to guide, control a vehicle
ride	rode	ridden	to be carried by a vehicle or animal
rise	rose	risen	to increase; to stand
write	wrote	written	to trace letters, words on a surface

break	broke	broken	to smash or separate into pieces
choose	chose	chosen	to select, pick out
speak	spoke	spoken	to utter words, to talk
steal	stole	stolen	to illicitly take property from another

fly	flew	flown	to move through the air like a bird
blow	blew	blown	to produce an air current
grow	grew	grown	to increase in size; to raise
know	knew	known	to mentally perceive with certainty
throw	threw	thrown	to toss, hurl, propel with the arm
draw	drew	drawn	to depict as with a pencil; to pull

tear	tore	torn	to pull apart, rip
wear	wore	worn	to have on as covering or protection

give	gave	given	to make a gift or donation
fall	fell	fallen	to drop, descend by force of gravity
eat	ate	eaten	to consume food
take	took	taken	to gain possession, seize

do	did	done	to perform, execute, produce
go	went	gone	to move from one place to another
see	saw	seen	to visually perceive

**7. Past is different, Infinitive and Past Participle are the same:**

come	came	come	to approach, advance, arrive
run	ran	run	to move swiftly on foot

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