

**WORKSHEET 8** Test (Rules 3 a–h)

**Exercise** On the line provided, write the correct form of each irregular verb given in parentheses.

We had just [1] \_\_\_\_\_ (*drink*) our lemonade when Joanna [2] \_\_\_\_\_ (*run*) into our cottage to tell us that she had [3] \_\_\_\_\_ (*see*) the great sea serpent of Indian Lake. Before we could question her, she had already [4] \_\_\_\_\_ (*go*) on to tell the neighbors.

The enormous sea serpent had been [5] \_\_\_\_\_ (*speak*) about and [6] \_\_\_\_\_ (*write*) about so much during the summer that I had almost [7] \_\_\_\_\_ (*begin*) to believe in it. Vacationers had hesitated to let their children go into the water for fear that the monster might devour them. For many people it had really [8] \_\_\_\_\_ (*take*) all the fun out of swimming.

We rushed down to the beach, where a large crowd had [9] \_\_\_\_\_ (*come*) together. Everybody was pointing to a long, black line on the surface of the water, which had [10] \_\_\_\_\_ (*throw*) the bathers into a panic. It was only a few hundred feet from the shore. A person could have [11] \_\_\_\_\_ (*swim*) to it in a few minutes, but no one volunteered to do so. Some of the onlookers were sure that they [12] \_\_\_\_\_ (*see*) the monster's great jaws and lashing tail.

"We should have [13] \_\_\_\_\_ (*ring*) for the police," somebody suggested, without saying just what our single police officer could have [14] \_\_\_\_\_ (*do*) about a sea serpent.

It soon grew dark and [15] \_\_\_\_\_ (*begin*) to rain. Everybody [16] \_\_\_\_\_ (*go*) home and [17] \_\_\_\_\_ (*do*) no more about the monster.

The next morning the sea serpent was found [18] \_\_\_\_\_ (*lie*) on the beach. It turned out to be a long piling that must have [19] \_\_\_\_\_ (*break*) loose from a nearby pier. Someone with a paintbrush and a sense of humor had [20] \_\_\_\_\_ (*give*) the monster a ferocious head with glaring eyes and had [21] \_\_\_\_\_ (*write*) along its side, "Captured by David Hudg—" and had then apparently [22] \_\_\_\_\_ (*run*) out of either paint or patience.

From miles around people [23] \_\_\_\_\_ (*drive*) over to see it. The *Greenville Gazette* [24] \_\_\_\_\_ (*give*) the complete story of the famous sea serpent of Indian Lake, with a picture that someone had [25] \_\_\_\_\_ (*take*) of it.