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Lesson 8.2 Regular and Irregular Verbs

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EXERCISE 1 Identifying Principal Parts

Label each underlined verb form as *present*, *present participle*, *past*, or *past participle*.

1. Chinese civilization dates back almost 4,000 years.
2. Spoken Chinese has changed very little since ancient times.
3. In contrast, the writing system has remained exactly the same for centuries.
4. We are learning about Chinese symbols, or characters, in school.
5. Traditionally, Chinese writers have written characters in columns.
6. Archaeologists discovered writing that may date back to around 1200 B.C.
7. The ancient Chinese carved symbols on turtle shells and animal bones.
8. People began using brushes to write over 2,000 years ago.
9. Many Chinese writers have wanted their words to look beautiful.
10. When some Chinese are writing, they are also painting.

EXERCISE 2 Choosing Correct Verbs

Underline the correct verb in parentheses. Label it *R* for regular or *I* for irregular.

1. The Tang Dynasty (gained, had gain) power in China in 618.
2. It (ruling, ruled) the country for almost 300 years.
3. The Tang (created, had create) a golden age in Chinese history.
4. The Tang Dynasty (contributed, has contribute) much to the development of astronomy, printing, gunpowder, and writing.
5. Some historians have (say, said) gunpowder was invented accidentally!
6. Empress Wu (becoming, became) the first official woman ruler of China.
7. She (taked, took) a strong interest in encouraging arts and crafts.
8. Empress Wu (gone, went) to great lengths to expand China's borders.
9. Her armies conquered new territory, and trade (increasing, increased).
10. The capital city of Changan (winned, won) the admiration of many visitors.

Hint

The past and past participle of a regular verb are formed by adding *-ed* or *-d* to the present.