CHAPTER 1 GRANDFATHER

One day Grandfather wouldn't get out of bed.

He just lay there and stared at the ceiling and looked sad.

At first little Willy thought he was playing.

Little Willy lived with his grandfather on a small potato farm in Wyoming. It was hard work, but it was also a lot of fun. Especially when Grandfather felt like playing.

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Like the time Grandfather dressed up as the scarecrow out in the garden. It took little Willy an hour to catch on. Grandfather laughed so hard he cried. And when he cried his beard filled up with tears.

Grandfather always got up early in the morning. He would make a fire. Then he would make breakfast and call little Willy. "Hurry up or you'll be eating with the chickens," he would say. Then he would throw his head back and laugh.

Once little Willy went back to sleep. When he woke up, he found his plate out in the chicken coop. It was picked clean. He never slept late again after that.



Grandfather dressed up as the scarecrow

That is ... until this morning. For some reason Grandfather was still in bed. It was another trick, Or was it?

"Get up, Grandfather," little Willy said. "I don't want to play anymore."

But Grandfather didn't answer.

5 Little Willy ran out of the house.

A dog was sleeping on the front porch. "Come on, Searchlight!" little Willy cried out. The dog jumped to its feet and together they ran off down the road.

Searchlight was a big black dog with a white spot on her forehead. She was an old dog – actually born on the same day as little Willy, over ten years ago.

A mile down the road they came to a small log cabin. Doc Smith was sitting under a tree, reading a book.

"Doc Smith," little Willy called out. "Come quick."

"What seems to be the matter, Willy?" the doctor asked, continuing to read.

Doc Smith had snow white hair and a long black dress. Her face was covered with wrinkles.

"Grandfather won't answer me," little Willy said.

20 "Nothing to worry about," Doc Smith replied.

"But he's still in bed."

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Doc Smith turned a page and continued to read. "How late did you two stay up last night?"

"We went to bed early. No music or anything."

25 Doc Smith stopped reading.

"Your grandfather went to bed without playing his harmonica?" she asked.

Little Willy nodded.

Doc Smith shut her book. "I'll get my bag," she said.

Little Willy hitched up the wagon, and they rode back to Grandfather's farm. Searchlight ran on ahead, leading the way and barking.

Grandfather hadn't moved. Searchlight put her paws up on the bed and licked his beard, which was full of tears.

Doc Smith examined Grandfather. She used just about everything in her little black bag.



"What seems to be the matter, Willy?"

"What's that for?" little Willy asked. "What are you doing now?"

"Must you ask so many questions?" Doc Smith said.

When Doc Smith had finished, she put everything back into her little black bag. Then she walked to the window and looked out at the field of potatoes.

After a moment she asked, "How's the crop this year, Willy?"

"Grandfather says it's the best ever."

Doc Smith rubbed her wrinkled face.

"What's wrong with him?" little Willy asked.

"Do you owe anybody money?" she asked.

"No!" little Willy answered. "Why won't you tell me what's wrong?"

"That's just it," she said. "There is nothing wrong with him."

"You mean he's not sick?"

"Medically, he could live to be a hundred."

"I don't understand," little Willy said.

Doc Smith took a deep breath. "It happens when a person gives up on life. I'm sorry, child, but your grandfather just doesn't want to live anymore."

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Doc Smith put her arm around little Willy

"Fifty dollars." "How much?"

Little Willy was stunned. That was a lot of money just to enter a race. But

he was determined. He ran across the street to the bank.

"Don't be stupid," Mr. Foster told little Willy.

"This is not a race for amateurs. The best dog teams will be entering."

"I have Searchlight! We go fast as lightning. Really, Mr. Foster, we do."

Mr. Foster shook his head. "You don't stand a chance of winning."

"Yes, we do!"

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The mayor sat with his feet on his desh

"It's my money!"

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Little Willy left the bank with a stack of ten-dollar gold pieces – five of them, to be exact.

He plopped the coins down on the mayor's desk. "Me and Searchlight are gonna win that five hundred dollars, Mr. Mayor. You'll see. Everybody'll see."

Mayor Smiley counted the money and entered little Willy in the race.

When little Willy stepped out of City Hall, he felt great. In his pocket was a map showing the ten miles of the race. Little Willy could hardly hold back his excitement.

10 Five miles of the race he traveled every day and knew with his eyes closed. The last five miles were back into town along South Road, which was mostly straight and flat. Speed would count here, and with the lead he could get in the first five miles, little Willy was sure he could win.

As little Willy hitched Searchlight to the sled, something at the end of the street caught his eye. They were all white – five of them. And they were beautiful – the most beautiful Samoyeds little Willy had ever seen.

The dogs held their heads up proudly and pulled a large sled. They also pulled a large man. Down at the end of the street the man looked normal, but as the sled got closer, the man got bigger and bigger.

The man was an Indian – dressed in furs and leather, with moccasins up to his knees. His skin was dark, his hair was dark, and he wore a dark headband. His eyes sparkled, but the rest of his face was as hard as stone.

The sled came to a stop next to little Willy. The boy's mouth hung open – he had never seen a giant before.

25 "Gosh," little Willy gasped.

The Indian looked at little Willy. His face was solid granite, but his eyes were cunning.

Little Willy gave a nervous smile.

But the Indian said nothing, and walked into City Hall.

Word that Stone Fox had entered the race spread throughout the town within the hour.

Stories and legends about the mountain man followed shortly. Little Willy heard them at Lester's General Store.

"In Denver he snapped a man's back with two fingers," said Dusty, the town drunk. But nobody believed him, really.

Little Willy learned that Stone Fox refused to speak with the white man because his tribe had been forced to leave Utah and settle on a reservation in Wyoming with another tribe.

Stone Fox's dream was for his people to return to their homeland. Stone Fox was using the money he won from racing to buy the land back. He had already purchased four farms and over two hundred acres.

That Stone Fox was smart, all right.



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In the next week little Willy and Searchlight went over the ten-mile track every day, until they knew it all by heart.

Stone Fox hardly practiced at all, and then he wasn't going fast.

The race was scheduled for Saturday morning at ten o'clock. Only nine sleds were entered. After Stone Fox had entered, well ... you couldn't blame people for wanting to save their money.

Stone Fox had never lost a race. But little Willy wasn't worried. Nothing was going to stop him. Not even Stone Fox.

CHAPTER 7 THE MEETING

It was Friday night, the night before the race.

Grandfather was out of medicine. Little Willy went to see Doc Smith.

"Here." Doc Smith handed little Willy a piece of paper. "Take this to Lester."

"But it's night-time. The store's closed."

"Just knock on the back door. He'll hear you."

15 Little Willy headed for the door. He wished he could have some of that cake Doc Smith was baking. It smelled mighty good. But Grandfather needed his medicine.

"One other thing, Willy," Doc Smith said.

"Yes, ma'am?"

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20 "It's about the race tomorrow."

"Yes, ma'am?"

"First, you're a darn fool for using your college money to enter that race." Little Willy's eyes looked to the floor. "Yes, ma'am."

"But I also want you to know that I'll be rooting for you."

25 Little Willy looked up. "You will?"

"Win, Willy. Win that race tomorrow."

Little Willy beamed. He tried to speak, but couldn't find the words.

"And, Willy ..."

"Yes, ma'am?"

30 "If you stay a minute, you can have some cake."

"Yes, ma'am!"

CHAPTER 8 THE DAY

The day of the race arrived.

Little Willy got up early. His right eye was swollen shut.

After adding more wood to the fire, little Willy kissed Grandfather, hitched up Searchlight, and started off for town.

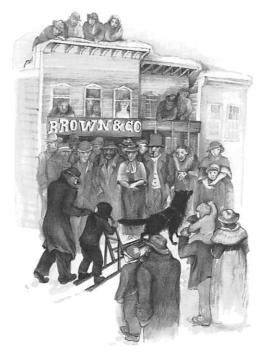
Little Willy got to town before he knew it. As he turned onto Main Street, he couldn't believe what he saw.

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Main Street was jammed with people, on both sides of the street. There were people on rooftops and people hanging out of windows. They must have all come to see Stone Fox.

Searchlight pulled the sled down Main Street past the crowd. Little Willy saw Miss Williams, his teacher, and Mr. Foster from the bank, and Hank from the post office. And there were Doc Smith and Mayor Smiley and Dusty



Lester came out of the crowd and walked alongside Willy

the drunk. The city slickers were there. Even Clifford Snyder, the tax man, was there. Everybody.

Lester came out of the crowd and walked alongside little Willy. "You can do it, Willy. You can beat him," Lester kept saying over and over again.

They had a race for the youngsters first, and the crowd cheered. It was a short race. Just down to the end of Main Street and back.

And then it was time.

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The church clock showed a few minutes before ten as the contestants stood nine abreast across the street. Stone Fox in the middle. Little Willy right next to him.

The other contestants were all well-known mountain men with excellent dog teams. But all bets were on Stone Fox. The odds were a hundred to one that he'd win.

Not one cent had been bet on little Willy and Searchlight.

Although little Willy's eye was black and swollen shut, he was smiling. Searchlight knew the route as well as he did, so it didn't matter if he could see at all. They were going to win today. Both of them knew it.

"Morning, Mr. Stone Fox," little Willy said. "Nice day for a race."

Stone Fox did not look at him. His face was like ice.

The crowd became silent as Mayor Smiley stepped out into the street.

Miss Williams clenched her hands together. Lester's mouth hung open, his lips wet. Mr. Foster began chewing his cigar. Hank stared without blinking. Doc Smith held her head up proudly. Dusty took a swig from a whiskey bottle. Clifford Snyder checked the time on a gold watch.

Little Willy's throat became dry. He could feel his heart thumping. Mayor Smiley raised a pistol to the sky and fired.

The race had begun!

CHAPTER 9 THE RACE

Searchlight sprang forward. In what seemed only seconds, little Willy and Searchlight had traveled down Main Street, turned onto North Road, and were gone. Far ahead of the others. They were winning. At least for the moment



Stone Fox put one hand on Searchlight's chest. He felt no heartbeat

you. You rest now. Just rest."

Little Willy began to brush the snow off Searchlight's back.

Stone Fox stood up slowly.

No one spoke. No one moved. All eyes were on the Indian, the one who had never lost a race, and who now had another victory within his grasp.

But Stone Fox did nothing.

He just stood there. Like a mountain.

His eyes shifted to his own dogs, then to the finish line, then back to little Willy, holding Searchlight.

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With his moccasin Stone Fox drew a long line in the snow. Then he walked to his sled and pulled out his rifle.

Down at the end of Main Street, the other racers began to appear. As they approached, Stone Fox fired his rifle into the air. They came to a stop.

5 Stone Fox spoke.

"Anyone crosses this line - I shoot."

And there wasn't anybody who didn't believe him.

Stone Fox nodded to the boy.

The town looked on in silence as little Willy, carrying Searchlight, walked the last ten feet and across the finish line.

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STONE FOX

When John Reynolds Gardiner was 28, his brother Ken persuaded him to take a television writing class where, at last, the teacher encouraged him. Rejecting his screenplays, a producer suggested that one of them be turned into a book—Stone Fox (1980). It has become "a true modern classic", selling over four million copies, and being translated into six languages – including German, where Stone Fox and Searchlight appear as Steinadler and Spūrnase. A special 30th Anniversary Edition appeared in 2010.

Stone Fox has become especially popular in American elementary schools, and has won a number of awards. In 1987, it was turned into a television movie, the form Gardiner had first envisaged. The story, though, was changed: Grandfather has a cattle ranch, Searchlight is now called Morgan, and at the end of the film Stone Fox leaves Willy a baby dog ...

OTHER BOOKS

John Reynolds Gardiner wrote two other children's books: *Top Secret* (1985) also features a boy and his grandfather, but with a setting and story completely different from *Stone Fox. General Butterfingers* (1986) is a funny, action-packed book in which 12-year-old Walter saves three old soldiers from being thrown out of their home.

SHOSHONE INDIANS

Stone Fox was a Shoshone Indian. The Shoshone lived both east and west of the Rocky Mountains in the area that is now the states of Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, and Idaho. They lived in tepees. The Northern Shoshone had horses and hunted on the Great Plains. They hunted everything from bighorn sheep to rabbits and lizards. The men of this group made bows and arrows and hunted, while women collected plants and made baskets. The Western Shoshone did not have horses. They lived on fruits, seeds and plants. Pine nuts and mesquite beans were major parts of their diet.

Source for this and the following note: http://library.thinkquest.org/CR0211900/fox/

SAMOYEDS

Samoyeds originally come from Siberia, and their name comes from one of the native peoples there. They are working dogs, often used for pulling sledges and herding reindeer, or as watchdogs. Many have long, sparkling white coats with a dark nose and eye rims, but some have cream or biscuit-colored fur. They have upright, pointed ears and moderately long tails, which they carry over their backs when alert. Adult dogs stand 45–58 cm. high at the shoulder and weigh from 16–25 kilos.

FURTHER QUESTIONS

Willy has won the race, but he has lost his good friend, Searchlight. He now has the money to save the farm, but the book ends with quite a few unanswered questions. For example:

- Will Grandfather get better?
- 2. Will Grandfather and Willy pay the taxes on the farm from now on?
- 3. Will Grandfather and Willy start a new college fund?
- 4. Will Willy go to college or just grow potatoes for a living?
- 5. Will Willy get a new dog?
- 6. Will Stone Fox continue to enter races?
- Will Stone Fox win enough money to buy the land needed for a Shoshone homeland?

Source: www.umsl.edu/~wpockets/schoolhouse/lessons/Stone_Fox/stone_fox.html

Vocabulary in Word Fields

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body	all of a person or animal that you can see and touch	Körper; Leib
face	front of your head; Have you washed your face?	Gesicht
forehead	part of your face above the eyes	Stirn
skin	Most Africans have darker skin than Europeans.	Haut
eye	We see with our eyes.	Auge
wide open	fully open; completely open	weit offen
nose	With your nose you can breathe and smell.	Nase
ears	The music was so loud I put my hands over my ears.	Ohren
cheek	on your face, below the eye and to the side of the nose	Wange; Backe
mouth	We open our mouths to eat, drink or speak.	Mund
tooth	hard white thing in the mouth which to bite with	Zähne
teeth	'Teeth' is the plural form of 'tooth'.	Zahn
beard	hair on a man's chin	Bart
neck	part of the body between your head and shoulders	Hals
throat	front part of your neck	Kehle
shoulder	part of the body between your arms and chest	Schulter
arm	part of the body from the shoulder to the hand	Arm
hand	Our hands are at the ends of our arms.	Hand
palm	inside part of your hand	(innere) Handfläche
chest	Our heart and lungs are in our chest.	Brust
heart	When I run, my heart beats fast.	Herz
heartbeat	movement of the heart in the body	Herzschlag
leg	long part of the body for walking and standing	Bein
knee	the middle of your leg, where it bends	Knie
foot (pl. feet)	I wear sandals on my feet.	Fuß (Füße)

➤ SICKNESS, LIFE & DEATH (20)

all right	good; well; You were sick - are you all right now?	in Ordnung
sick ⇒	If you are sick you should go to the doctor.	krank
sickness	illness; being sick	Kranksein
illness	A cold is an illness that makes you cough and sneeze.	Krankheit
to be wrong	1. It is wrong to say that $2 + 2 = 5$.	1. falsch sein
J	2. to not be normal	2. nicht in Ordnung
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A hand has five fingers; a foot has five toes.

What's wrong with him?

toes

There's something wrong with my foot – I can't walk. Was fehlt ihm?

dark ⇔ It was a dark night with no moon. dunkel light / The room has a lot of windows and is very light. hell bright giving out a lot of light; a bright sunny day hell(strahlend) darkness ⇔ When the light was off, the room was in darkness. Dunkelheit light The sun gives us light. Licht dead ⇔ not living; not alive tot alive The passengers were all alive after the crash. lebendig; am Leben easy ⇔ I did my homework quickly because it was easy; leicht difficult I couldn't finish my homework. It was too difficult. schwierig happy ⇔ The old lady was happy when I came to visit her. glücklich sad unhappy; I was sad because my hamster had died. traurig dry ⇔ The wood will burn if it is dry. trocken wet If you stand outside in the rain you will get wet. nass with difficulty ⇔ The old man stood up with difficulty. mit Mühe: mühevoll effortlessly without difficulty; without trying hard mühelos important ⇔ Milk is an important food for babies. wichtig trivial That's a trivial question – forget it! belanglos; trivial large ⇔ big; A horse is a large animal. groß little; A mouse is a small animal. small klein light ⇔ easy to lift or move leicht (von Gewicht) schwer (von Gewicht) heavy I can't carry this bag because it's too heavy. empty ⇔ leer with nothing inside; opp. full full We can't get on this bus; it's full. voll fast ⇔ quick schnell slow A slow runner will not win many races. langsam good ⇔ Mmm - this chocolate is good! bad This test is really bad. Didn't you learn the words? schlecht; schlimm worse ⇔ Killing is much worse than stealing. schlimmer better Linda was ill, but she's better now. besser good/better/best gut/besser/beste bad/worse/worst schlimm/schlimmer/ schlimmste together ⇔ The two girls went home together. zusammen alone There was nobody with me – I was completely alone. allein famous ⇔ well-known; She is a famous singer. berühmt unknown This poem is by an unknown author. unbekannt to smile ⇔ to have a happy look on your face lächeln to frown The teacher frowned when I forgot my homework. die Stirn runzeln to remember \ipprox Do you remember what we learned yesterday? sich erinnern an I'm terribly sorry; I have forgotten my English book. to forget vergessen * to forget, forgot, forgotten to open ⇔ She opened the door so that I could come in. aufmachen; öffnen to close Please *close* the window; it's getting cold. schließen: zumachen

unterschiedlich Boys and girls are different. different ⇔ I have no time to change, so I will wear der/die/dasselbe the same der/die/das gleiche the same clothes. quick to understand and learn clever / gescheit smart ⇔ clever; with a quick mind foolish; It is stupid not to do your homework. dumm stupid I'm not strong enough to fight him. stark: kräftig strong ⇔ You're too weak to carry that heavy bag. schwach weak strength ⇔ Kraft; Stärke being strong Did Napoleon have any weaknesses? Schwäche. weakness He was very big - over two metres tall. hoch (gewachsen) tall ⇔ not tall; not long; That story was very short! kurz short calm when you are waiting or have problems geduldig patient 👄 ungeduldig not wanting to wait impatient very good; wonderful großartig great awful; They gave us terrible food at the hotel. terrible schrecklich ➤ FEELINGS (20) full of strong feeling; It's my birthday; I'm so excited. aufgeregt (positiv) excited ⇒ being full of strong feeling Aufregung excitement Are you nervous when you are alone in the house? nervous nervõs If you're confused you can't understand something. confused verwirrt fest entschlossen determined filled with a strong will to do s.th. proud of We are the champions! We are proud of our team! stolz auf She walked proudly to receive her prize. stolz proudly The old lady was happy when I came to visit her. glücklich happy ⇔ unhappy; I was sad because my hamster had died. traurig sad Claire was angry when she tore her new jeans. verärgert; zornig angry wütend mad very angry tired needing to rest; The tired boy fell asleep at once. müde exhausted very tired; We were exhausted after the long walk. erschöpft sure certain: I am sure that he will come soon. sicher being very, very pleased Freude joy bravery; having no fear Mut courage to be afraid of to be frightened of; My teacher is afraid of spiders. Angst haben vor ★ to be, was/were, been to be worried to feel that s.th. is a problem sich Sorgen machen * to be, was/were, been (about) (über) to believe to think (that s.th. is true) glauben to enjoy oneself to have fun; Did you enjoy yourself at the party? sich amüsieren Everyone respects a brave (= mutig!) person. Achtung haben vor to respect to wish to want (s.th. impossible); I wish I could fly! wünschen sich fühlen to feel Can we open the window? I feel very hot.

* to feel, felt, felt

24. to weep	wept	wept	weinen	
25. to meet	met	met	treffen, begegnen	
26. to feel	felt	felt	(s.) fühlen	
27. to kneel	knelt	knelt	knien	
28. to bleed	bled	bled	bluten	
29. to feed	fed	fed	füttern	
30. to flee	fled	fled	fliehen	
31. to lead	led	led	führen	
32. to leave	left	left	weggehen, verlassen	
33. to hold	held	held	halten	
34. to deal	dealt	dealt	handeln, s. befassen mit	
35. to mean	meant	meant	bedeuten	
36. to lean	leant	leant	(s.) lehnen	
37. to dream	dreamt	dreamt	träumen	
38. to read	read	read	lesen	
GROUP 4 - LEARN	ALLE VERBEN DIESER (GRUPPE GEHEN AUCH I	MIT -ED STATT MIT -T!)	
39. to burn	burnt (burned)	burnt (burned)	(ver)brennen	
40. to learn	learnt (learned)	learnt (learned)	lernen	
41. to smell	smelt (smelled)	smelt (smelled)	riechen	
42. to spell	spelt (spelled)	spelt (spelled)	buchstabieren	
43. to spoil	spoilt (spoiled)	spoilt (spoiled)	verderben	
44. to spill	spilt (spilled)	spilt (spilled)	verschütten	
GROUP 5 - SEND				
45. to bend	bent	bent	biegen, beugen	
46. to lend	lent	lent	(ver)leihen	
47. to send	sent	sent	schicken, senden	
48. to spend	spent	spent	(Geld) ausgeben;	
•	'	,	(Zeit) verbringen	
49. to build	built	built	bauen	
GROUP 6 - FIND				
50. to find	found	found	finden	
51. to bind	bound	bound	binden	
52. to grind	ground	ground	mahlen; schleifen	
53. to wind	wound	wound	winden	
GROUP 7 - THINK				
54. to buy	bought	bought	kaufen	
55. to bring	brought	brought	bringen	
56. to think	thought	thought	denken	
57. to fight	fought	fought	kämpfen	
58. to catch	caught	caught	fangen	
59. to teach	taught	taught	lehren, unterrichten	
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GROUP 8 - WRITE			
60. to drive	drove	driven	fahren
61. to rise	rose	risen	aufgehen (Sonne); s. erheben
62. to write	wrote	written	schreiben
63. to ride	rode	ridden	reiten
GROUP 9 - SHOOT	1000	7100011	
	ant	ant	bekommen; werden
64. to get	got	got	· ·
65. to forget 66. to shoot	forgot shot	forgotten shot	vergessen schießen
67. to shine	shone	shone	scheinen, glänzen
68. to lose	lost	lost	verlieren
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GROUP 10 - SPEAK	•		
69. to speak	spoke	spoken	sprechen
70. to steal	stole	stolen	stehlen
71. to break	broke	broken	(zer)brechen
72. to freeze	froze	frozen	frieren, gefrieren
73. to wake up	woke up	woken up	aufwachen; -wecken
74. to tell	told	told	erzählen, sagen
75. to sell	sold	sold	verkaufen
76. to choose	chose	chosen	(aus)wählen
GROUP 11 - WEAR			
77. to wear	wore	worn	(Kleider) tragen
78. to tear	tore	torn	zerreißen
79. to swear	swore	sworn	schwören, fluchen
80. to bear	bore	borne	ertragen
		(born = geboren!)	
GROUP 12 - HIDE			
81. to hide	hid	hidden	(s.) verstecken
82. to bite	bit	bitten	beißen
83. to light	lit (lighted)	lit (lighted)	anzünden
84. to slide	slid	slid	gleiten, rutschen
GROUP 13 - 'W' VERBS			
85. to know	knew	known	kennen, wissen
86. to blow	blew	blown	wehen, blasen
87. to grow	grew	grown	wachsen; werden
88. to throw	threw	thrown	werfen
89. to fly	flew	flown	fliegen
90. to draw	drew	drawn	zeichnen; ziehen
91. to show	showed	shown	zeigen
92. to sow	sowed	sown	säen
93. to sew	sewed	sewn	nähen
94. to saw	sawed	sawn	sägen