

Rise - rose - risen

Generally, if something **rises** it **moves upwards**. If you **rise**, this is a rather formal way of saying that you **get out of bed, get up** or **stand up**:

- *I needed to catch the 7.30, so **I had risen** early.*
- *He **rose** to greet me when I entered his office.*

When the **sun** and the **moon rise**, they **appear in the sky**. If the **water in a river rises**, it **becomes higher**. If the **wind rises**, it **blows more strongly**:

- ***The wind rose** later in the night and kept me awake as it howled through the trees.*

If an **amount rises**, it **increases**. If you get an **increase in your wages or salary**, this is also known as a **rise**. (In American English, it's known as a **raise**.) If you **rise to a higher position** in your organisation, you **become more successful** or powerful:

- ***Inflation rose** by 0.5 percent last year, the lowest increase since 1992.*
- ***Industrial use of oil rose** by over 200 % in the 1970s whilst industrial use of coal **fell** by the same proportion.*
- *I got a **rise** of over £4000 when I was promoted to a position of greater responsibility.*
- *At the age of 32, **she has risen** to the top of her profession.*

Arise - arose – arisen

Arise is mainly used in a more abstract way. If a situation or problem or something arises, it comes into being and people become aware of it:

- *I don't think the **question** of compensation will **arise**, but if it does, just give a vague reply.*
- *I shall certainly go to Scotland next year, if the **opportunity arises**.*
- *A **problem has arisen** with the TV that I bought last week. I can't get teletext.*

We can also use **arise** to mean to **get up, get out of bed** or **stand up**, but it is even more formal than rise in this sense. Note that when a knighthood is bestowed in Britain, the monarch touches the recipient's shoulders with a sword and then says, e.g.

- ***Arise**, Sir William!*

meaning that he, William, may now (**a**)rise from his kneeling position as a knight of the realm.

Raise - raised - raised

If you **raise something**, you **move it to a higher position**. If you **raise your voice**, you **speak more loudly**. If you **raise the standard** of something, you **improve it**:

- *If you are in agreement with what Mr Jenkins has put to you, would you please **raise your hand**.*
- ***The flag** on the roof of the palace **is raised** whenever the queen is in residence.*
- ***Amy** was sitting at the back and **had to raise her voice** in order to be heard.*
- ***We want to raise standards of literacy** in British schools. Make no mistake about it: **standards will rise**.*

Note that **raise** is a **regular verb**, whereas **rise** is **irregular**. Note also that **raise** is a **transitive verb**, in other words, it must always be used with a direct object. You always raise something. **Rise**, on the other hand, is an **intransitive verb**: it does not involve anything or anyone other than the subject.

RISE or RAISE or ARISE

Fill in the correct verbal form of 'rise' or 'raise'

1. At the meeting yesterday the committee six questions.
2. Do you think that prices next year?
3. The sun at 6:30 this morning and it was a beautiful sunrise.
4. Gradually the fir tree higher and higher until it reached the roof.
5. He had corn every year until this year. Now he grows only vegetables.
6. The Gauls up against the Romans.
7. The temperature all day long.
8. His voice as he got angry.
9. The government had not taxes for three years until yesterday.
10. To taste good, bread must properly.
11. Higher inflation usually prices.
12. The flag every morning at 6:00 a.m. until yesterday. (use passive)
13. The six children were by him alone.
14. The river three feet since yesterday.
15. I don't think the question of compensation will , but if it does, just give a vague reply.
16. I shall certainly go to Scotland next year, if the opportunity .
17. A problem has with the TV that I bought last week. I can't get teletext.