

The Difference between Rise and Raise

English language is widely used among people whose mother tongues are some other languages. Certain English words, particularly, create confusion for these users. One is the usage of *rise* and **raise**.

Interestingly, even native speakers might confuse these two up to higher grades of school, even into the college.

Know that *raise* is a regular verb; that is, it is easy to remember its past and perfect participle

- Past participle: Raised.
- Perfect participle: Raised.

Contrast *rise* as an irregular verb; that is one should memorise its past and perfect participle

- Past participle: Rose.
- Perfect participle: Risen.

Keep in mind that *raise* is a transitive verb; that is, it needs an object to act on

- I **raised** my head to look at them. (raise, raised, raised)
- I **raised** the book from the floor. (raise, raised, raised)

Remember, though, that *rise* is intransitive; that is, it does not need an object

Not only it does not need an object but that it does not **accept** an object to act on.

- My head **rose** upon hearing the harsh noises. (rise, rose, risen)
- My book **rose** to the best sellers top ten. (rise, rose, risen)

Note. *Arise* is actually a 'raise and if ever to be seen is the same as *to raise*.

Contrast *arise* that has a wide usage

- Past participle: Arose.
- Perfect participle: Arisen.

Use it similar to *rise*

- Immediately I **raised** the question of witness credibility (you have to use **transitive** verb *raise*).
- Question **arises** whether the witness is credible. (**intransitive** verb *arise* is used).

Become familiar with *rouse*

This is a **regular** verb.

- Past participle: roused.
- Perfect participle: roused.

Celebrate that *rouse* is both a transitive and an intransitive verb

- His slogans **roused** the mob into violence. (**transitive**)
- They **rouse** in the middle of night to begin the shift. (**intransitive**)

Note. Arouse grammatically is similar to rouse.

Tips

- Make yourself familiar with vast semantics (meaning) of these verbs by referring to a high quality dictionary.
- To **rAise** grammatically has an **Attack** to or an **Action** on an object, but to rise does not have.
- Consider other pairs such as intransitive *to fall* versus transitive *to drop* that bear the same meaning but with no confusion in spelling.

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