**THE TENSES: EXERCISES**

Fill in the blanks with a correct form of the given verb.

1. Jessica …………………………………………….. (never fall) in love until she …………………………….. (meet) Michael two years ago.

2. When Megan ………………………………………… (have) problems at school, her parents ………………………………………… (usually help) her to cope with them.

3. We ………………………………………. (wait) for the bus for nearly half an hour but it ………………………………………………. (not arrive) yet, so I don’t think we ……………………………………….. (be able to) attend the meeting in time.

4. The children ………………………………………. (teach, passive form) how to make a cake when a boy …………………………………. (drop) the bowl on his foot.

5. By the time I ……………………… (be) forty, I ……………………………………… (earn) enough money to retire.

6. …………………………………….. (you, ever meet) our president?

7. They ……………………………………………….. (live) in Liverpool for ten years when I first ………………………………………. (meet) them.

8. I …………………………………………………………… (not travel) too much yet, but by the time I leave the United States I …………………………………………………………….. (visit) the Grand Canyon and San Francisco.

9. The weather is really awful here. ………………………………………………………………… (it, always, rain) like that?

10. He ………………………………………………… (break) his leg in a skiing accident last year.

11. I …………………………………………… (sit) here for three hours but I ……………………………………………………… (not catch) a single fish yet.

12. When Carol …………………………………………. (call) last night I …………………………………….. (watch) my favourite TV show.

13. The students are usually taught by Mr. Bingham. However, this week they …………………………………………………………………………. (teach) by the assistant teacher.

14. My brother …………………………………………………… (write) several plays. He ………………………………………………. (just finish) his second tragedy.