

Verb Tense Review

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Letter of Complaint

The Store Manager,
Hobson's Department Store,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir,

Five months ago, during your January sale, we bought one of your
(buy)
dishwashers. At first it worked very well, and we were very
(work) (be)
happy with it, but a week ago it began to make very strange noises,
(begin)
and on Saturday it leaked water all over our kitchen floor. Since
(leak)
then it has continued to leak every time we use it.
(continue) (use)

Yesterday I spoke to your salesman, and he said that I should
(speak) (say)
write to you because your store usually did not give refunds or
(write) (not, give)
exchanges on sale merchandise. I have been a good customer of your store
(be)
for more than ten years and I am sure that you will do
(be) (do)
something to help us. I am looking /look forward to your early reply.
(look)

Yours truly,

George Jones

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In 1934 a nine-year-old boy planted a few pumpkin seeds in the
(plant)
little town of Half Moon Bay, California. Since then, Half Moon Bay
has become the pumpkin capital of the world. Every year farmers
(become)
raise about 6,000 tons of pumpkins and send them all over
(raise) (send)
the U.S. The town has a pumpkin festival each fall, and this year
(have)
more than 100,000 visitors came to help harvest them.
(come)
On October 31st, at Halloween, many people in North America buy
(buy)
pumpkins to make a jack o'lantern. Later they use the inside of the
(use)
pumpkin for a delicious pie. If you want to enjoy a popular Canadian
(want)
custom, you should buy a pumpkin. You should have some candies,
(buy) (have)
too, to give to the children who knock on your door that night.
(knock)

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A. Bruce: What is your brother doing these days?
(do)

Is he still looking for a job?
(look)

Ted: Yeah. Why? Do you know about one?

Bruce: Maybe. I was at my uncle's last night and while we
(be)

were talking he mentioned an opening for a salesman in his
(talk) (mention)

menswear store. Has your brother ever worked in a
(work)

store?

Ted: I don't think so, but he could learn. Give me your
(not, think) (give)

uncle's number and I will tell my brother to call him.
(tell) (call)

B. We 've just bought a new house. We moved in two months ago and
(just, buy) (move in)

already we have repainted the living room and planted a vegetable
(repaint) (plant)

garden. We are very happy. Next summer we will build a
(be) (build)

carport because we have a good car now and we want to keep
(have) (keep)

it in good condition.

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My cousin, Paul, will have a party next Saturday. It will be his wife's birthday, and he always gives a party for her. He has sent out the invitations already and about fifty people have accepted so far. Last year we all brought our own booze but this time we will bring food instead, because Paul will serve us his home-made wine. He has made his own wine ever since his wife gave him a book about it several years ago. Next weekend he will open the first bottles and we will have to try it.

James Ellis (go) went on a business trip last week. He (visit) visited some customers in Frankfurt. He (leave) left home early on Monday morning and (take) took a taxi to the airport. He (get) got there at about 8 o'clock. He (check in) checked in and (go) went to the airport lounge. He (buy) bought a newspaper and (go) went to get a coffee.

He (drink) was drinking his coffee when he (see) saw an old friend, Bob. He (be) was very surprised that Bob (be) was in London and (find out) found out that he (start) had started a new job in the city. As they (speak) were speaking they (hear) heard an announcement. "Would all passengers for the 9:30 flight to Frankfurt please go to boarding gate 10." James (say) said goodbye to Bob and as they (leave) left, Bob (give) gave him his business card and (ask) asked him to phone him when he (return) returned from Frankfurt.

After boarding, James (put) put his briefcase in the overhead locker and (sit) sate down. During the flight, James (do) did some paperwork and (speak) spoke to the woman sitting next to him. While they (speak) were speaking, the flight attendant (bring) brought breakfast. When the plane (land) landed in Frankfurt, it was almost 11 o'clock.