

Verb Tense Review

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct tense of the verbs in brackets.

Letter of Complaint

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

Dear Sir,

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

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

Yours truly,

George Jones

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

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

_____ he still _____ for a job?
(look)

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

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

_____ he _____ an opening for a salesman in his
(talk) (mention)
menswear store. _____ your brother ever _____ in a
(work)

store?

Ted: I _____ so, but he could learn. _____ me your
(not, think) (give)

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

B. We _____ a new house. We _____ two months ago and
(just, buy) (move in)

already we _____ the living room and _____ a vegetable
(repaint) (plant)

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

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

it in good condition.

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My cousin, Paul, _____ a party next Saturday. It _____ his wife's birthday, and he always _____ a party for her. He _____ out the invitations already and about fifty people _____ so far.

Last year we all _____ our own booze but this time we _____ food instead, because Paul _____ us his home-made wine. He _____ his own wine ever since his wife _____ him a book about it several years ago. Next weekend he _____ the first bottles and we _____ try it.

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

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

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