

- 7 The Pattersons said that eldest daughter has just got a job working at the White House.
- 8 Grandpa said that picture over there was painted by his great-grandfather.

D Complete each second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and five words in each gap.

- 1 'We'll be travelling round Europe next month,' said Jerry. **following**
Jerry said that be travelling round Europe.
- 2 'I had Evan and Christie over for dinner last night,' said Liz. **before**
Liz said that had Evan and Christie over for dinner.
- 3 'Daz came here two days ago and then suddenly left,' said Barry. **gone**
Barry said that Daz had and then suddenly left.
- 4 'We're going on our yearly diet tomorrow,' said Jessie and Sandy together. **starting**
Jessie and Sandy said together that yearly diet the next day.
- 5 'I can pick you two boys up from school this afternoon,' said their father to George and Kevin. **that**
George and Kevin's father told his sons up from school that afternoon.
- 6 'I'll buy these as they're so cheap!' said Toby. **going**
Toby said he as they were so cheap.
- 7 'You must study harder, Dave,' said Dave's mum. **him**
Dave's mum study harder.
- 8 'I think you may be coming down with flu,' Greg said to me. **thought**
Greg said that be coming down with flu.
- 9 'I don't know why they haven't contacted me recently,' said Tine. **been**
Tine said she didn't know why recently.
- 10 'Everything was different yesterday,' said Ben. **been**
Ben said everything before.

E Write one word in each gap.

The Excuses

The office was silent. 'So, let me get this right,' (1) Alison calmly. 'Not one of you is willing to donate some money towards Mr Bartlett's leaving present.' There was silence again for a moment, then Deidre (2) up, saying that she (3) love to give a donation, but unfortunately her house (4) being painted that week and she (5) not have any spare cash at all. Alec was next. He was very apologetic and said that he (6) meant to bring some money to work (7) morning, but had forgotten. Perhaps tomorrow? Betty said she (8) completely broke at (9) moment in time, and said she (10) not give anything until she (11) her pay cheque at the end of the week. Alison stared at them all. She (12) them how disappointed she (13) with all of them, and that she (14) remember their excuses when it was time for (15) to retire. She slammed the door behind her as she left the room.