



Exercise 37

Cumulative Review of the Past Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in any aspect of the past tense.



Name _____

Date _____

Eric and Ilsa are brother and sister. They (grow) _____⁽¹⁾ up together in the city that used to be known as West Berlin, in the former West Germany. Eric (move) _____⁽²⁾ to the United States decades ago, before the eastern and western parts of both Berlin and Germany were reunited in 1990.

Ilsa and her family (visit) _____⁽³⁾ Eric and his family last year. Ilsa's Family (fly) _____⁽⁴⁾ from Berlin to Detroit for the visit. Although the children (never, meet) _____⁽⁵⁾ before, except through e-mail, the families (have) _____⁽⁶⁾ a great time together.

Every day for a week, the adults and the children (play) _____⁽⁷⁾, talking, and eating together. One day, they (cook) _____⁽⁸⁾ some German recipes that (be) _____⁽⁹⁾ in the family for generations. For years, Ilsa (save) _____⁽¹⁰⁾ them and treasuring them in a box their mother (give) _____⁽¹¹⁾ her just before she (die) _____⁽¹²⁾. One of their mother's favorites (be) _____⁽¹³⁾ a dessert called Apple Kuchen.

One night after everyone else (already, go) _____⁽¹⁴⁾ to bed, Eric and Ilsa (quietly, sit) _____⁽¹⁵⁾ and talking.

"What have you (miss) _____⁽¹⁶⁾ most about Berlin?" Ilsa wanted to know.

Eric (pause) _____⁽¹⁷⁾, then answered, "Mostly, I miss living in a city with such wonderful landmarks. The kids and I (look) _____⁽¹⁸⁾ at some books about Berlin and Germany for a while before you and your family (arrive) _____⁽¹⁹⁾. We (discuss) _____⁽²⁰⁾ the Brandenburg Gate when Franz interrupted to ask why its image (use) _____⁽²¹⁾ as a design on some of the coins back when Germany had converted its money to euros."

"What (do) _____⁽²²⁾ you tell him?" Ilsa asked.

"I (say) _____⁽²³⁾ that I (not, be) _____⁽²⁴⁾ sure," answered Eric, "but that I (think) _____⁽²⁵⁾ it was because the gate (become) _____⁽²⁶⁾ a symbol for Germany, like the Statue of Liberty had emerged as a symbol for the United States."