

- A** The sun 1) ...*was shining*... (shine) and the birds 2) (sing) as Mike 3) (drive) down the country lane. He 4) (smile), because he 5) (look forward) to the journey ahead. Mike 6) (enjoy) driving, especially when he 7) (go) somewhere new. Then, suddenly, the engine 8) (begin) to make a strange noise and the car 9) (stop) dead in the middle of the road. Mike 10) (try) to start it, but nothing 11) (happen). He 12) (sigh), then 13) (get out) of the car. As he 14) (push) the car to the side of the road, Mike 15) (start) to wish he had stayed at home.

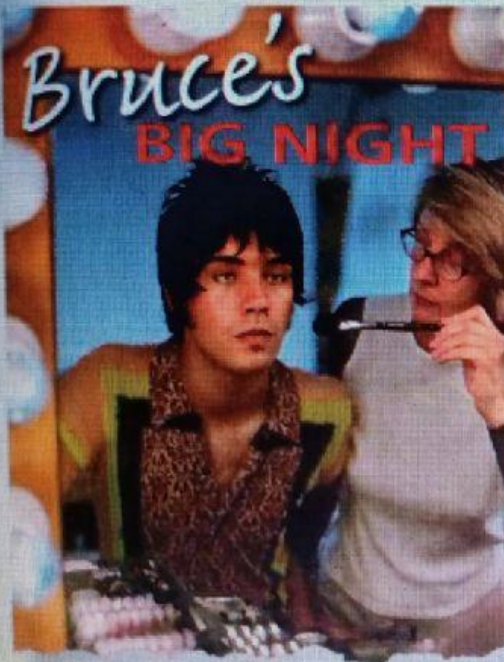
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Put the verbs in brackets into the *past simple* or the *present perfect*.

- A A: I 1) ve seen (see) this film before.
 B: Me too, but I love this actor. He 2) (play) a lot of good roles.
 A: Tom Cruise? I 3) (meet) him, you know.
 B: Really? When?
 A: When I 4) (be) in Los Angeles on holiday.
- B A: Who is that man?
 B: He's an artist. He 1) (paint) a lot of beautiful pictures.
 A: I think Van Gogh 2) (paint) the most beautiful pictures ever. But his life 3) (be) miserable.

- C A: I 1) (just/hear from) an old friend of mine.
 B: Oh, really?
 A: Yes. Jim 2) (write) to me. I 3) (get) the letter this morning.
 B: That's nice. When 4) (you/first/meet) him?
 A: He 5) (live) next door to me for three years, but he 6) (move) away last June and I 7) (not/see) him since.

2 GRAMMAR IN USE Choose the correct words in *italics* in the text.



BRUCE LAURENCE (0) *is* / *is being* a young actor. He is very excited because right now he (1) *acts* / *is acting* in a professional show for the first time. He (2) *loves* / *is loving* the theatre and this is his first proper job. It's 7.15 and he (3) *waits* / *'s waiting* in his dressing room. His assistant (4) *puts* / *'s putting* on his make-up and Bruce (5) *practises* / *is practising* his words.

Tonight's show is at the Theatre Royal in Edinburgh. Bruce (6) *lives* / *is living* in London but while he is in the show he (7) *stays* / *is staying* at a small hotel in Edinburgh. It isn't very comfortable but single rooms (8) *don't cost* / *aren't costing* very much and two other actors (9) *stay* / *are staying* at the same place. Bruce (10) *thinks* / *is thinking* the show will be a big success.

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ACTION TOURS is a small, friendly company and we (0) *have provided* / *provided* many different specialist activity holidays for people since we started. We (1) *have begun* / *began* in 2006 with only two types of holiday, but we (2) *have grown* / *grew* every year since then and can now offer a wide range of tours.

Our most popular holidays are skiing and cycling. Our main ski trainer, Jules, (3) *has taught* / *taught* skiing for nearly twenty years. Suraya is our cycling tour leader – she (4) *has taken* / *took* part in the National Championships three times and she (5) *has finished* / *finished* fifth last year.

This year we (6) *have organised* / *organised* over twenty activity holidays – already more than we (7) *have done* / *did* last year, when we (8) *have provided* / *provided* a total of eighteen. Take a look at [our website](#) ...