

EXERCISES

1 Match the two parts of the sentences.

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| 1 I was about to call Rick | a when he was likely to arrive. |
| 2 Anna was bound to get lost | b buy an old car and drive across the USA. |
| 3 Vincenzo had no idea | c on her way home. |
| 4 It was going to | d be a cold day, so we dressed warmly. |
| 5 It was unlikely | e when my phone rang. |
| 6 They were going to | f to end well. |

2 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- As he left, Sam insisted he *would* / *will* wait ten minutes for Muriel, but no more.
- Ben *is* / *was* unlikely to be in the office, but we tried phoning anyway.
- From the start, it *was going to be* / *being* a very difficult project.
- We didn't think we *have* / *would have* time to stop for lunch, so we took sandwiches with us.
- I was about *to start walking* / *starting to walk* when the bus arrived.
- Lisa was bound *to be* / *being* late, so we delayed the start of the meeting.

3 Complete the sentences with these words.

bound	have	to be
unlikely	weren't	would

- Had we known you were coming, we _____ have waited for you.
- The project was _____ to succeed because the team were the best in the business.
- _____ you about to quit when the pay increases were announced?
- We thought he was _____ to win the award, so we were delighted when he did.
- It was going _____ a long and happy working relationship.
- A grant was to _____ been given for the idea with the most potential.

4 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- at / have / met / midday / to / we / were

- a / be / built / going / laboratory / to / was

- finish / on / they / time / to / unlikely / were

- about / announced / be / invention / the / to / was

- best / bound / decision / make / she / the / to / was

- become / CEO / had / have / I / I / if / stayed / would

5 Complete the second sentence using the words in bold, using future in the past, so that it means the same as the first.

- The car probably wasn't going to start. **unlikely**
The car was unlikely to start. _____
- It was almost time for us to leave. **about**

- I was sure we would find the wallet. **bound**

- It was probably going to rain. **likely**

- We expected him to arrive soon. **would**

- He had a plan to start a business. **going to**
