



The children **had been going to tell** their father but they left it too late.

**a** Choose the best verb forms in each sentence.

- 1 Graham was / *is* going to meet me at the airport, but I got a taxi.
- 2 I thought Karen *had been getting* / *would be getting* first prize but I was wrong.
- 3 That money *was to have paid* / *might pay* for our daughter's education. Now it's all gone.
- 4 I *had been making* / *had been planning to make* lunch until you suggested going out to eat.
- 5 I *wondered* / *was about to wonder* who could have done it.
- 6 Tony *was driving* / *had driven* to work when he heard the news on his car radio.
- 7 The baby *had been crying* / *cried* for a while before I picked it up.
- 8 After I *had been getting* / *got* home, I rushed to check the papers in the safe.
- 9 We *had been going to give* / *would be giving* up but suddenly we saw the peak of the mountain.
- 10 In those days, Simon *would* / *might* get up at 6.00 and go for a run.

**b** Complete the text with a possible form of the verb in brackets.

They said it <sup>1</sup> would be (be) the holiday of a lifetime but it was a nightmare!

We <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) on holiday for ages so I was really excited about our trip but I didn't check out the facts that the nice man from the travel agency <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) me. All of which

<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) out to be untrue! For a start, the 'luxury' hotel was a building site. The workers <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (still

prepare) the bedrooms when we arrived so we had to sleep in the lobby the first night! I <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) my swimming

things, as I <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (hope) for a nice refreshing swim

each morning, but there was no water in the pool. I'll tell you, I <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (plan) get us all on the first plane home but my

wife persuaded me to stay.

Nothing <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (get) any better as the holiday went on.

I <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) 5 kilos in weight by the time I got home.

I phoned the company to find out if they <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (give)

me some money back and told them I <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (sue).

They <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (apologise) profusely but I'm still waiting

for my refund.

**c** Tick the correct sentences. Correct the mistakes you found in the remaining sentences.

- 1 ☐ I always thought I'd get married, but it was never to be.
- 2 ☐ We are feeling excited until the flight was cancelled.
- 3 ☐ The children felt ill as they'd been eating sweets all day.
- 4 ☐ Tom has sent the details to me so I was well-prepared.
- 5 ☐ The boat was to have left at 3, but it was delayed until 5.
- 6 ☐ Zara always knew she'll be famous one day.

**d** ► Now go back to p.37