



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 ¹ would be (be) the holiday of a lifetime but it was a nightmare!

We ² _____ (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 ³ _____ (tell) me. All of which ⁴ _____ (turn) out to be untrue! For a start, the 'luxury' hotel was a building site. The workers ⁵ _____ (still) prepare the bedrooms when we arrived so we had to sleep in the lobby the first night! I ⁶ _____ (bring) my swimming things, as I ⁷ _____ (hope) for a nice refreshing swim each morning, but there was no water in the pool. I'll tell you, I ⁸ _____ (plan) get us all on the first plane home but my wife persuaded me to stay.

Nothing ⁹ _____ (get) any better as the holiday went on. I ¹⁰ _____ (lose) 5 kilos in weight by the time I got home. I phoned the company to find out if they ¹¹ _____ (give) me some money back and told them I ¹² _____ (sue). They ¹³ _____ (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.

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