

**C** Complete the paragraph with the past tense form of the verbs in parentheses.

Richard Branson is one of the most successful business people in the world.

He was born in England in 1950. He (start) started <sup>(1)</sup> his first business at the age of 16. It was a magazine for students. He (not graduate) <sup>(2)</sup> from high school. He (open) <sup>(3)</sup> a record store in London. In 1972, he (create) <sup>(4)</sup> his own record company. He (call) <sup>(5)</sup> it Virgin Records. The company was very successful. In 1984, he (decide) <sup>(6)</sup> to start an airline. In 1999, he (add) <sup>(7)</sup> a cell phone business to his company. Branson now owns more than 200 businesses. Branson also (dream) <sup>(8)</sup> of adventure. He (want) <sup>(9)</sup> to fly around the world in a hot air balloon. That (not happen) <sup>(10)</sup>, but in 1987 he (cross) <sup>(11)</sup> the Atlantic Ocean in a hot air balloon.



**D** Complete the blanks with the negative past tense form of the verbs in parentheses.

John wanted to be successful. But instead his manager fired him. John was a bad employee.

1. He (arrive) did not arrive on time for work.
2. He (work) \_\_\_\_\_ hard.
3. He (listen) \_\_\_\_\_ to his manager.
4. He (ask) \_\_\_\_\_ questions.
5. He (fix) \_\_\_\_\_ problems.
6. He (finish) \_\_\_\_\_ his work.



**E** Complete the paragraph with the simple present or the simple past tense of the verbs in parentheses.

The story of Marta's Muffins began a long time ago. Fifteen years ago Marta (work) worked <sup>(1)</sup> in a bakery. She (want) <sup>(2)</sup> to be a chef. She (dream) <sup>(3)</sup> of being successful. Now she (own) <sup>(4)</sup> the bakery and (have) <sup>(5)</sup> ten restaurants. Ten years ago, she (dream) <sup>(6)</sup> of being a millionaire. Now she (dream) <sup>(7)</sup> of taking a vacation.