

The future seen from the past

3 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

about feeling just to were would

- 1 I was about to leave work when I got the phone call.
- 2 You've lost your brand new phone? I had a this would happen.
- 3 We knew it all work out OK and it did!
- 4 We thought we going to be lost forever, but we found our way home.
- 5 Tom was just to ask me to marry him when I suddenly came down with a stomach bug. Awful timing!
- 6 We were due sign the contracts, but the buyer decided to withdraw his offer.

4 Complete the posts using the prompts in brackets.

The best-laid plans ...

We ¹ (just / about / get) in our car and head to the airport for a much-needed weekend away when we got a call to say Mai's father was ill and needed her help. Mai ² (thought / must) seriously ill but when she got there, she discovered he only had a cold. We'd been planning the trip for ages, so you can imagine how disappointed we were. The best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry, as Robert Burns once said. Has anything like that happened to anyone else?

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Charlie

I ³ (about / eat) the most delicious-looking ice cream when a bird swooped down and knocked it out of my hands. That was disappointing.

Natalia

I really wanted to see a particular singer in concert, so I spent hours queuing for tickets. I ⁴ (not sure / get) one because the queue was long, but I was totally gutted when the person in front of me got the last one.

David

We ⁵ (knew / it) difficult to get all the guests to our wedding when we chose to have it on a remote Scottish island. However, we didn't predict that the ferry would break down and no one would be able to get there!

Mum

I ⁶ (due / start) the career of my dreams when I found out that you would be coming along in nine months. I don't regret it for a minute (most of the time!).