



# Future in the Past

Choose the correct or most appropriate form/s to refer to the future in the past for the sentences below.

1 I \_\_\_\_\_ Sam for money, but I didn't because I don't want to owe him anything.

- a. was asking
- b. would ask
- c. will ask
- d. was going to ask

2 I had a feeling that the party \_\_\_\_\_ a disaster

**Choose TWO correct options**

- a. would be
- b. was being
- c. was to be
- d. was going to be

3 We didn't expect that he \_\_\_\_\_ like that.

- a. would react
- b. was reacting
- c. would be reacted
- d. will react

6 After finishing his last book, I asked him what he \_\_\_\_\_ next, but he just didn't know. **Choose TWO correct options**

- a. was doing
- b. would be doing
- c. did
- d. was going to do

7 The baby \_\_\_\_\_ be born in March, but it was finally born in April.

- a. was about to
- b. was due to
- c. would
- d. was on the verge of

8 The couple who died in the fire \_\_\_\_\_ married at the end of the month. **Choose TWO correct options**

- a. were getting
- b. would get
- c. were due to get

4 She \_\_\_\_\_ her speech when someone threw an egg at her. **Choose TWO correct options**

- a. would finish
- b. was about to finish
- c. was going to finish
- d. would be finishing

5 I told you she \_\_\_\_\_ everybody. She can't keep a secret.

- a. was going to tell
- b. was telling
- c. will tell
- d. told

9 The next day we \_\_\_\_\_ to Germany where we \_\_\_\_\_ a press conference.

- a. would fly / attended
- b. were going to fly / attended
- c. will fly / would attend
- d. were flying / were due to attend

10 A family of six, who \_\_\_\_\_ the following week, died when the building collapsed. **Choose TWO correct options**

- a. were to move out
- b. would be moved out
- c. moved out
- d. were going to move out

## 1 Complete the sentences to report the thoughts about the future seen from the past.

I'm not going to be an organ donor.

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I \_\_\_\_\_ an organ donor, but then I changed my mind.

We might not be able to get an appointment.

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I had a feeling \_\_\_\_\_ an appointment, and I was right.

Let's go hiking on Saturday.

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We \_\_\_\_\_ on Saturday until I strained a muscle in my leg.

He's not sure how long he'll have to stay in hospital.

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He \_\_\_\_\_ in hospital. Fortunately, he made a quick recovery.

I'm just about to see the doctor.

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I \_\_\_\_\_ when an emergency came in and I had to wait another two hours.

## What's your excuse?



I thought you were going to Australia last summer. Why didn't you go?

Classmate's answer:

It's like an oven in here. Why haven't you opened a window?

Classmate's answer:

Why didn't you call me when you said you would?

Classmate's answer: