

Revision of tenses

Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense.

Sammy and the genie.

(Use present sentences when you see speech marks ("")

Sammy Milton _____ (not/be) very clever. Last week, he _____ (walk) along the beach one day when he _____ (trip) over something and he _____ (fall) on the sand. "What _____ (be) this?" he said, picking up a strange thing. He _____ (not/see) anything like that before. It was, in fact, a very old oil lamp, and as he _____ (rub) it, a genie suddenly _____ (fly) out of it. "Thanks. You _____ (just/release) me from the lamp!" said the genie. "Now you may have three wishes." "Great" said Sammy. Suddenly, he _____ (feel) very thirsty. "I _____ (want) a bottle of lemonade that never _____ (run out), he said to the genie." "No problem," said the genie, and _____ (produce) one instantly. Sammy picked up the bottle and _____ (drink) all the lemonade in one go. Magically, the bottle _____ (fill) itself up again. Sammy drank all that, and exactly the same thing _____ (happen) again. "Ok, you have two more wishes, what _____ (you/want) ?" said the genie. Sammy replied, "It _____ (be) easy, I want two more of these bottles".

Moving house.

I come from a very large family and recently my parents _____ (decide) that they _____ (spend) long enough living in an overcrowded house in Birmingham. "We _____ (move) to the country, next month", my father _____ (announce) last night. "I _____ (just/sell) this house. Next July, we _____ (live) on a farm". So last week we _____ (load) all our possessions into two hired vans. For the last few days we _____ (try) to organise

ourselves in our new home. **Yesterday**, for example, my three brothers and I _____ (start) painting the downstairs rooms.

Unfortunately, **while** I _____ (mix) the paint, one of my sisters _____ (open) the door. Nobody _____ (tell) her that we _____ (be) in the room, you see. So instead of painting the walls, we _____ (spend) all morning cleaning the paint off the floor. Worse things _____ (happen) **since** then. This morning **when** I _____ (wake up), water _____ (drip) through the ceiling next to my bed. We _____ (spend) the day repairing things. We _____ (repair) the roof **so far**. It is not all bad news, though. The school in the village nearby _____ (close down) **two years ago**, and my parents _____ (not find) another school for us **yet**.

Bob Dylan

Bob Dylan **has become** (become) one of the most famous singer and song-writer of all time. At the age of 65 **in 2006**, he _____ (reach) the top of the US album charts with Modern Times, the oldest living singer to do so. He _____ (record) many other hit albums **since** he _____ (make) his first album at the age of 21 **while** he _____ (perform) as a folk singer in New York clubs. Although he first _____ (find) fame as a folk singer, he _____ (try) originally to be a rock and roll singer, but without success.

In the mid-60s, Dylan _____ (start) to perform rock songs with a group, instead of the solo folk songs which _____ (make) him famous. At the time, many of his fans _____ (feel) angry because they _____ (believe) that he was wrong. Dylan's songs _____ (change) in the time up to this point. As far as he was concerned, he _____ (do) everything that he **could** with

folk music already. He _____ (need) a different musical style to express his changing feelings.

In 2016, he _____ (receive) a Nobel Prize in Literature. Dylan's career _____ (be) a long one, and there is no sign that he _____ (think) of retirement. He _____ (perform) since the late 1950s and he _____ (appear) in several films too.