

GRAMMAR

1 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

My father always (1) (use) to listen to the weather forecast – until the day he realised that what he (2) (learn) from the presenters wasn't always correct. The forecast was for a fine day that Saturday, so my father (3) (take) us all to sit by the river in the car. But it (4) (not be) long before the wind started to get stronger. It (5) (blow) lots of leaves off the trees and we even (6) (see) lightning in the sky. It soon (7) (begin) pouring with rain, and the water level in the river quickly (8) (rise) up to the bank. Luckily, we all (9) (get) into the car in time and (10) (drive) away as quickly as we could, before there was a flood.

2 Circle the correct answer.

- 1 Tomorrow, *we're visiting* / *we visit* my aunt who lives by the sea.
- 2 We *usually go* / *are usually going* on holiday by train.
- 3 Don't make too much noise, as Dad *watches* / *is watching* TV.
- 4 Sarah *wants* / *is wanting* to go home soon.
- 5 The sun *is rising* / *rises* in the east every day.

VOCABULARY

3 Complete the sentences with *very* or *absolutely*.

- 1 Jack was exhausted when he finally got home.
- 2 Tim bought some big bars of chocolate from the shop.
- 3 It was freezing outside last night.
- 4 Sam's coach says he's good at baseball.
- 5 I feel terrible about what I've just said to my friend!

4 Complete the text with one suitable word in each space.

Whenever my friends and I go to watch our favourite team playing an important (1), we always hope that our team will (2) lots of goals and (3) the other team! That doesn't always happen, of course. Sometimes the other team plays much better than ours and our players (4) opportunities to go forward with the ball. Then we know that we're probably going to (5) the game. But never mind – after all, it is only a game!

5 Match the two halves of the sentences.

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| 1 To be good at football, you have to pay | a in and stop doing it. |
| 2 To improve means to get | b part in any games. |
| 3 You can't play basketball if you don't take | c up and go to different places. |
| 4 If you're finding something difficult, you might want to give | d out before you leave. |
| 5 When I'm shopping in town with my friend, we sometimes split | e away in the wind. |
| 6 When you make a campfire, be sure to put it | f attention to your coach. |
| 7 Don't leave rubbish on the ground as it will blow | g better at doing something. |