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PLANS

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REPORTS

SHE/HE/ THEY

SAID

TOLD ME
TOLD US

S + WOULD + VERB IN BASIC FORM

B. Fill in the blanks with was/ were going to and would.

Samantha: Hey Ashley... You look so happy!

Ashley: I'm the happiest woman on Earth because Ben and I are getting married soon. Look at my beautiful ring!

Samantha: Uh? As far as I remember you told me Ben (go) to Britain for seven months.

Ashley: Well, he lied to me.

Samantha: What?

Ashley: It's a long story. He didn't go on business to Britain, he went there to bring his parents to The States. He said he (tell) me about it because he wanted it to be a surprise.

Samantha: What a lovely surprise!

Ashley: I (phone) you yesterday to tell you about it but I didn't have time.

Samantha: And I (call on) you yesterday but it was a bit late and I didn't want to bother you.

Ashley: We both had a change of plans yesterday.

Samantha: Yeah. Would you like to go to that coffee shop?

Ashley: Yes, I (buy) some food but I can do it later.

Samantha: OK. Let's go!

A. Ben decided to send an e-mail to one of his friends back in London.

B. Read the e-mail below.



To: christopher@yahoo.com

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Subject: I was going to tell you about this ASAP

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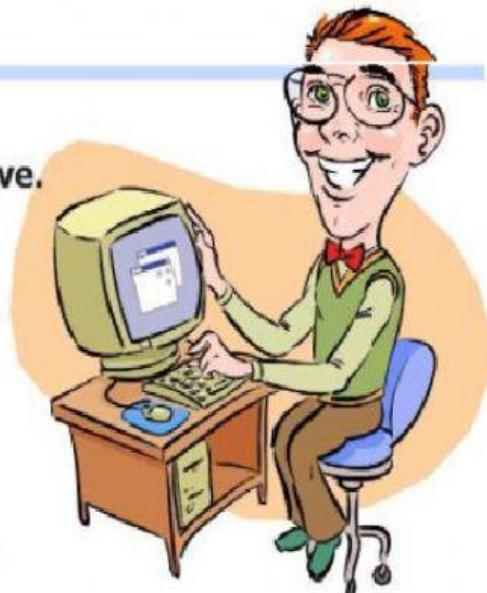
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Hello, Christopher! How are things going in The U.K.? I was going to send you an e-mail earlier this month but I was too busy at work. I'm sending you this e-mail to tell you the dumb things I did yesterday.

Yesterday morning Ashley and I talked about my socalled business trip to Europe. I told her I was going to go to Britain on business for at least seven months but the truth is that I'm not going to travel to Britain for that long. I'm travelling there because I want to bring my parents over to The States to meet Ashley. I was going to do it last August but Ashley had lots of things to do that month. I really want to marry Ashley because she is the best woman I've ever met. I was going to propose to her last month but I didn't, maybe because I felt too nervous or too scared of being rejected. However I am sure I will be able to do it this time. As soon as I get back to The States with my parents, we will go to Ashley's house and I will propose. I know Ashley and her parents will be surprised but I love her so much that I can't wait any longer. I don't know if what I'm doing is right or wrong! I consider it a "white lie". I just hope Ashley won't be annoyed when she knows the truth! Do you think she will be cross with me? Tell me what you think, Chris.

Hope to hear from you soon,

Ben



C. Answer the questions according to the text above.

1. How long did Ben tell Ashley he would be away?
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2. Why is he travelling to The U.K.?
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3. In what month was she busy?
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4. What will he do as soon as he returns to The U.S.A?
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5. Do you consider what he told Ashley a "white lie"? Why?
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6. What do you think Ashley will do when she knows the truth?
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