

# FUTURE IN THE PAST?

Write ✓ if the underlined parts are correct. If they are wrong, correct them. (A)

- 1 I'm going to do the washing, but we'd run out of washing powder.
- 2 The concert tonight would be over by about 9.30. We could eat after that.
- 3 When we were passing Mike's house, we thought we'd drop in and see him.
- 4 'Where shall I hang my coat?' 'Sorry, I thought Dawn will have shown you. The cloakroom is through there.'
- 5 The manager of Newtown United said that the team is to be announced at 9.00 tomorrow.
- 6 The second half was about to start, so shall we go back to our seats now?
- 7 I knew that by the morning I would be feeling exhausted, but I just couldn't refuse her invitation to go dancing.
- 8 'Where's Alan? He is supposed to be here yesterday, and there's still no sign of him.' 'I'm about to ask the same question.'
- 9 I didn't phone Tom this morning because I was going to see him when I've finished work.
- 10 DNA testing was to be used by police in the search for the missing Dublin schoolboy. His parents have welcomed the news.
- 11 We are meeting at 7.00 in the Globe coffee bar. Can you be there, too?
- 12 We didn't expect that having a rabbit as a pet will cause so many problems.



In which *three* cases can we use either a past or present tense form in the underlined parts?

Choose the more appropriate alternative, (a) or (b), to complete these sentences. (B)

- 1 The meeting was to have taken place in the hall,...  
a but had to be cancelled at the last moment.    b and was well attended.
- 2 She was to have appeared with Elvis Presley in his last film...  
a and was a tremendous success.    b but the part went to her sister.
- 3 Later, in Rome, I was to meet Professor Pearce...  
a but he left before I got there.  
b and was very impressed by his knowledge of Italian culture.
- 4 The twenty police officers who were to have gone off duty at 8.00...  
a went to the Christmas party.    b had to remain in the police station.
- 5 It was to take 48 hours to get to Japan...  
a and we were exhausted when we arrived.    b but we managed to do it in only a day.

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- 6 After the war he was to teach at London University...  
a but no money was available to employ him.    b for 10 years.
- 7 The bridge was to have been completed this year...  
a but a number of accidents have led to delays.  
b and is to be opened by the president next month.
- 8 The new road was to have a major impact on traffic in the busy town centre,...  
a making life much easier for commuters.    b but the crowded roads continued.
- 9 The construction of the cathedral was to have begun in 1650...  
a but a shortage of labour delayed the start for a further 20 years.  
b and go on for over 80 years.
- 10 We were to stay with Vince in Lisbon...  
a many times before he moved to Madrid.    b but he moved to Madrid.