2B GRAMMAR the past: habitual events and specific incidents

a Read the story and put the verbs in the correct form. There is sometimes more than one answer.

I started school at the age of four at my local elementary school. I [1] *'d been looking forward* (look forward) to starting school for some time because I [2]_____ (not have) any siblings, so I thought it was going to be the perfect opportunity to make new friends and have fun. On the first day, I [3]_____ (play) with my new classmates when the teacher [4]_____ (interrupt) us and asked us to pay attention. We all stopped what we had been doing and she introduced us to the class pet—Hammy the Hamster. He was the pet I [5]_____ always _____ (want) but [6]_____ never _____ (allow) to have.

The teacher told us that each child—in strict alphabetical order—could take Hammy home with them for one weekend and then bring him back the following Monday.

I could hardly wait for it to be my weekend. I [7]_____ (get) to school very early every day and I [8]_____ (feed) and play with him. I [9]_____ (not want) to let the other children near him because I wanted Hammy to be my new best friend!

After three weeks, my weekend finally arrived. My mom hadn't been too excited about having a hamster in the house but I'd been very persuasive—I [10]_____ (be) very persistent as a child—and finally she agreed. I was so happy.

Saturday morning was a beautiful, sunny day so I thought Hammy would appreciate a morning walk in the yard. However, as I [11]_____ (take) him out of his cage, he [12]_____ (bite) me, I [13]_____ (drop) him, and Hammy ran away!

I [14]_____ (not be) a child who [15]_____ (cry) very often, but on that occasion I spent all weekend crying and looking for Hammy. Sadly, though, Hammy [16]_____ (go) forever and I never saw him again.

The worst was yet to come, however. On Monday I had to go back to school with an empty cage. As I [17] _____ (explain) to the teacher what [18]_____ (happen), I realized that the rest of the class was looking at me with hatred in their eyes; after all, I had lost the adored class pet! Nobody [19]_____ (speak) to me for at least a week and I remember it being the worst feeling I [20]_____ (experience) in the four short years of my life.

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