

**TASK A.** Complete sentences with the future in the past. (*was / were going to*)

- Henry. Good Lord. I forgot you \_\_\_\_\_ (come) for supper.
- The police \_\_\_\_\_ (charge) me with robbery.
- The start of the film was wonderful. I hoped it \_\_\_\_\_ (get) better, but in fact it got worse as it went on.
- I went to bed early as I \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) for New York the next day.
- He was a sensible boy, and she knew he \_\_\_\_\_ (take) care of him.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ (show) me the photos, but we were interrupted.

**TASK B.** Use "*was going to*" or "*were going to*" and the correct past tense verb for each sentence:

*Example: A: Did you take out the trash?*

*B: I was going to, but then the phone rang. (ring)*

- A: Is Dave coming to our party?  
B: He \_\_\_\_\_, but he \_\_\_\_\_ a babysitter for his kids. (*can't find*)
- A: Are you making dinner tonight?  
B: I \_\_\_\_\_ until the power \_\_\_\_\_ out. (*go*)
- A: Is your daughter going to college?  
B: She \_\_\_\_\_, but she \_\_\_\_\_ to take a year off and travel first. (*decide*)
- A: Is the teacher going to stay after class?  
B: He \_\_\_\_\_, but he \_\_\_\_\_ out he had a meeting to go to later. (*find*)
- A: Are your neighbors going to sell their house?  
B: They \_\_\_\_\_ until the real estate market \_\_\_\_\_. (*crash*)
- A: Are you going to buy a new computer?  
B: Well, I \_\_\_\_\_ buy a new iMac until I \_\_\_\_\_ my job. (*lose*)
- A: What are Jim and Victoria doing tonight?  
B: They \_\_\_\_\_ see a movie, but instead they \_\_\_\_\_ reservations at a restaurant. (*make*)
- A: Did the plumber come to fix the toilet today?  
B: He \_\_\_\_\_ come this morning, but his truck \_\_\_\_\_ down. (*break*)
- A: Did the kids do their homework yet?  
B: They \_\_\_\_\_ do it until Uncle Joe \_\_\_\_\_ by for a surprise visit. (*come*)
- A: Did I pay the credit card bill yet this month? I can't remember.  
B: No, you didn't. You said you \_\_\_\_\_ wait until you \_\_\_\_\_. (*get paid*)

**TASK C.** Match the beginnings and endings.

*I was going to ..., but ...*

Note: We often use *I was going to ..., but* as an excuse.

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| 1. I was going to do the washing up...       | a) _____ but Jim's just invited me to play golf.             |
| 2. I was going to cut the grass...           | b) _____ but it's just started to rain.                      |
| 3. I was going to invite you to the party... | c) _____ but I forgot your number.                           |
| 4. I was going to tell you earlier...        | d) _____ but I couldn't find a pen anywhere.                 |
| 5. I was going to do my homework...          | e) _____ but we've run out of Fairy Liquid.                  |
| 6. I was going to help you tidy up...        | f) _____ but I got distracted and forgot about it until now. |

**TASK D. Choose the correct option for each sentence:**

1- My mom planned to call my sister last night, but she forgot.

- a- She were going to call last night, but she forgot.
- b- She was going to call last night, but she forgot.
- c- She going to call last night, but she forgot.
- d- She was calling last night, but she forgot.

2- Mary \_\_\_\_\_ tell me a secret, but didn't.

- a) was going to
- b) were going to
- c) going to
- d) was go to

3- The game \_\_\_\_\_ be played at 1pm, but it rained, so they postponed the starting time.

- a) was going to
- b) were going to
- c) was go to
- d) wasn't going to

4- Originally, Tricia and Mark \_\_\_\_\_ come, but they changed their minds and came!

- a) was going to
- b) were going to
- c) wasn't going to
- d) weren't going to

**TASK D. Write in the gaps the correct adverb **INSTEAD OF** or **WHEREAS**. Follow the examples:**

1. They should go to the USA instead of going to England.
2. She likes chocolate, whereas he likes coffee.
3. You should do something about the problem, \_\_\_\_\_ complaining.
4. Why don't they paint it red \_\_\_\_\_ painting it green?
5. Our neighbours have a swimming pool, \_\_\_\_\_ we don't.
6. She bought a pair of trousers \_\_\_\_\_ buying a dress.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ they like to go skiing, we prefer hiking.
8. Children hate soups, \_\_\_\_\_ adults usually like them.
9. Why don't we go to the theatre \_\_\_\_\_ having a party?
10. Monkeys live in a peaceful society, \_\_\_\_\_ humans constantly fight.

**TASK E. Rewrite these sentences, with "**instead**" AT THE END OF THE SENTENCE. Follow the examples:**

My wife wanted to buy a new car, but I decided to buy a used car.

My wife wanted to buy a new car, but I bought a used car **instead**.

I wanted to wear shorts, but it was too cold, so I wore jeans.

It was too cold, so I didn't wear shorts. I wore jeans **instead**.

1. I usually download songs instead of buying the CDs.

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2. I walked to work rather than driving today.

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3. Mary decided to give her money to charity instead of buying a new video game.

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4. Jake will go to graduate school rather than getting a job.

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