EXERCISES

1 Match the two parts of the sentences.

1 I was about to call Rick
2 Anna was bound to get lost
3 Vincenzo had no idea
4 It was going to
5 It was unlikely
6 They were going to

a when he was likely to arrive.
b buy an old car and drive across the USA.
c on her way home.
d be a cold day, so we dressed warmly.
e when my phone rang.
f to end well.

2 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

1 As he left, Sam insisted he *would / will* wait ten minutes for Muriel, but no more.
2 Ben *is / was* unlikely to be in the office, but we tried phoning anyway.
3 From the start, it was *going to be / being* a very difficult project.
4 We didn't think we *have / would have* time to stop for lunch, so we took sandwiches with us.
5 I was about *to start walking / starting to walk* when the bus arrived.
6 Lisa was bound *to be / being* late, so we delayed the start of the meeting.

3 Complete the sentences with these words.

| bound | have | to be |
| unlikely | weren't | would |

1 Had we known you were coming, we _____ have waited for you.
2 The project was _____ to succeed because the team were the best in the business.
3 _____ you about to quit when the pay increases were announced?
4 We thought he was _____ to win the award, so we were delighted when he did.
5 It was going _____ a long and happy working relationship.
6 A grant was to _____ been given for the idea with the most potential.

4 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1 at / have / met / midday / to / we / were
_____

2 a / be / built / going / laboratory / to / was
_____

3 finish / on / they / time / to / unlikely / were
_____

4 about / announced / be / invention / the / to / was
_____

5 best / bound / decision / make / she / the / to / was
_____

6 become / CEO / had / have / I / I / if / stayed / would
_____

5 Complete the second sentence using the words in bold, using future in the past, so that it means the same as the first.

1 The car probably wasn't going to start. **unlikely**
The car was unlikely to start.

2 It was almost time for us to leave. **about**
_____

3 I was sure we would find the wallet. **bound**
_____

4 It was probably going to rain. **likely**
_____

5 We expected him to arrive soon. **would**
_____

6 He had a plan to start a business. **going to**
_____