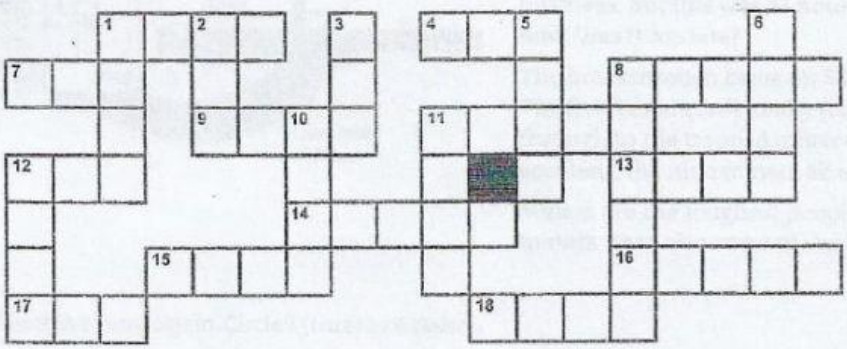
Unit 5

1 Complete the crossword with the Past Simple of these irregular verbs.



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1 keep	13 come	1 know	11 go
4 get	14 find	2 put	12 say
7 run	15 feel	3 have	
8 begin	16 mean	5 take	
9 tell	17 do	6 give	
11 write	18 make	8 become	
12 see		10 leave	

2 Read a story about a mining accident and the rescue. Change the verbs into the Past Simple.

On Wednesday, July 24, 2002 a team of miners (are) ....*were*....[1] hard at work in Quecreek mine in Pennsylvania, USA. They (have) .....[2] a map so they knew that there was another older mine nearby. But they (not know) .....[3] that their map was wrong and the old mine was much closer than they (think) .....[4]

At 8.50 p.m., a terrible thing (happen) .....[5] Nine miners (break through) .....[6] the connecting wall and over 500 million litres of water (pour) .....[7] in from the old mine. They managed to escape the rushing water, but they were cut off from the surface – trapped 75 metres below ground.

The miners (try) .....[8] to find higher ground, but it was impossible. They (find) .....[9] a small air pocket, but the water continued to rise. The water was cold – very, very cold – and there was a limited amount of air.

Above the miners, a rescue team didn't know if they were alive or dead, but they (have to) .....[10] try to reach them. They (drill) .....[11] a small hole to where they thought the miners were and at 5.10 a.m. they (lower) .....[12] a pipe down to the miners. Fresh, heated air (come) .....[13] down the pipe.

So the miners (have) .....[14] warm air, but the water (is) .....[15] another problem. It rose and rose. Fogle, the miners' leader, (estimate) .....[16] that they would all be dead in another hour. They (write) .....[17] notes saying goodbye to their wives and children and (put) .....[18] them in an airtight plastic bucket. The water rose to their necks, but then it (stop) .....[19] The men (are) .....[20] still alive.