ALL TENSES (active voice)

Fill in the gaps, using the correct form of the verb



Alexander is 15 years old and he lives in a small seaside town with his parents and his little sister. Alex **(1) ..... (be)** an open-minded and friendly boy and he **(2) ..... (not quarrel)** a lot with his sister – well, they **(3) ..... (sometimes argue)** about minor incidents but so far there **(4) ..... (never be)** any major fights among the siblings. One of Alex's hobbies **(5) ..... (be)** mountain biking and he **(6) ..... (have)** a new bike for a couple of weeks. Every second weekend there **(7) ..... (be)** races or other competitions and although Alex **(8) ..... (not take)** part in them regularly, he **(9) ..... (try)** to go there whenever he is allowed to. So far Alex **(10) ..... (win)** two downhill races, he **(11) ..... (have)** a number of accidents, but he **(12) ..... (not hurt)** himself seriously. Alex has another hobby as well: writing poems. Since this is a rather unusual hobby for a boy, Alex **(13) ..... (never tell)** anybody about it. Whenever he **(14) ..... (want)** to be on his own to write some more poems or just to think, he **(15) ..... (go)** to his secret place in the woods.

Five or six years ago he **(16) ..... (find)** this perfect, huge tree while he **(17) ..... (walk)** offroad through the undergrowth. After he **(18) ..... (discover)** this perfect secret spot, Alex **(19) ..... (bring)** some planks and **(20) ..... (build)** a kind of platform. Later – after he **(21) ..... (save)** some money – he **(22) ..... (buy)** a rope ladder because he **(23) ..... (think)** it would be an easier way to climb the tree.

At the moment Alex **(24) ..... (sit)** on the platform of his secret tree, **(25) ..... (eat)** an apple and **(26) ..... (read)** an announcement in a magazine. The ad **(27) ..... (say),** "**(28) ..... (you be)** interested in poetry? **(29) ..... (you already write)** your own poetry or **(30) ..... (you know)** someone who has? Then **(31) ..... (not hesitate)**! Send in your poems! The best three poems **(32) ..... (win)** a prize!" Alex is already sure that he **(33) ..... (send)** in at least one poem although he **(34) ..... (not yet decide)** which one.

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