

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.