PRACTICE

9 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Chris Gardner is a successful businessman and a millionaire. But things [1]_____ always _____ (not be) easy. He [2]_____ (not meet) his father until he was twenty-eight years old. This experience made him sure about one thing: he [3]_____ always _____ (want) to be a good father to his own children. As a young man, Gardner [4]_____ (experience) hard times. His wife [5]_____ (leave) him, he [6]_____ (lose) his job, and at one stage he and his two-year-old son [7]_____ (sleep) in train stations and airports. He [8]_____ (come) a long way since then. His life changed when he [9]_____ (meet) a man driving a red Ferrari and asked him what job he did. The man was a stockbroker, so Gardner [10]_____ (ask) him out to lunch, and the Ferrari driver introduced Gardner to the world of finance. Since he [11]_____ (become) successful, he [12]_____ (spend) a lot of money helping homeless people, and he [13]_____ also _____ (write) books about his experiences. His story was told in the film *The Pursuit of Happyness*, starring Will Smith.