

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