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(adapted version A1, pp. 3-5)

1. Fill in the missing verbs:

A young Scotsman _____ in the castle with his dog, Jock.. The Scotsman's name is Duncan McTavish.

Duncan is very happy on his island. He _____ going for walks with Jock. He also likes to _____ and to _____ in his little boat.

There are many big rooms in Duncan's castle. They have a lot of old things in them — pictures and heavy tables, chairs and beds. In winter the castle is very cold and dark. Duncan _____ a lot of electric lights in all the rooms.

One Monday morning in April, Duncan _____ a letter.

'What's this?' he _____.

He _____ the letter. It's from the electricity company.

Duncan _____:

Electricity from October to March: £5,000.

'Oh,' Duncan says. 'I haven't got £5,000. What can I do?' He's very unhappy. 'I can do only one thing: _____ my island and my castle.'

fish, open, read, swim, sell, ask, put on,
 live, get, like

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2. Fill in the missing verbs:

Leaping Larry and his girlfriend are _____ to the island by helicopter. They're very late. Duncan and Jock _____ a long time. Then the helicopter _____. A tall man with long dark hair gets down from it. He's about forty-five years old. There's a girl with him. She's about twenty and has long yellow hair. There's a small animal with her. The animal _____ long white hair.

'Hi,' the man says. 'I'm Leaping Larry. And this is my girlfriend, Roxanne.'

'Hi,' Roxanne says. 'This is my dog, Bobo.'

Larry looks at the castle.

'Look at that old castle, Roxanne,' he says. 'Don't you love it, honey?'

Roxanne doesn't _____. It's only an old castle.

Leaping Larry and Roxanne go into the castle. It's very dark. Leaping Larry can't _____. He _____ down.

'Where are the lights?' he asks.

'I'm sorry,' Duncan says. 'There isn't any light. The company stopped my electricity this morning.'

'I want some hot food,' Roxanne says.

'I'm sorry,' Duncan says, 'but I can't _____ hot food. I haven't got any electricity. But there is some cold food.'

'Cold food!' Roxanne says. 'No, thank you! I'm going to bed. But first I want a hot bath. And Bobo wants a bath, too.'

see, smile, fall, come, make, arrive, have, wait