

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

### Tennis at its best

The 2008 Wimbledon final between Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal .....<sup>1</sup>  
(be) one of the most exciting tennis matches in the history of the game. It was the third time  
the two men .....<sup>2</sup> (play) each other in the final of the tournament,  
and everyone .....<sup>3</sup> (look forward to) the match. Federer  
.....<sup>4</sup> (win) the 2006 and 2007 finals, but this time Nadal  
.....<sup>5</sup> (seem) to have a good chance of winning.

The match .....<sup>6</sup> (begin) at 2.00 p.m. After the first two sets, Nadal  
.....<sup>7</sup> (win) 2-0, but during the third set, rain stopped play.  
When the players .....<sup>8</sup> (come back) on court, Federer started to play much  
better, and he .....<sup>9</sup> (win) the next two sets before rain stopped play  
for a second time. It .....<sup>10</sup> (get) late when the match started again,  
but the spectators .....<sup>11</sup> (not can) take their eyes off the court.

In the fifth set, the score .....<sup>12</sup> (reach) 6-6, then 7-7, and then Nadal won  
the next two games to win the match. After playing for four hours and 48 minutes, Rafael Nadal  
.....<sup>13</sup> (beat) Roger Federer to become  
the Wimbledon Men's Singles champion for the time.



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