

The future in the past

1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 I **would ask** / **was going to ask** Ollie for money, but in the end I didn't because I don't want to owe him anything.
- 2 I had a feeling that the party **would be** / **was being** a disaster!
- 3 I told you she **was telling** / **was going to tell** everybody! She is hopeless at keeping secrets.
- 4 We **were meeting** / **would meet** Clara at 8:00. That's why we didn't stop to talk when you saw us yesterday.
- 5 The last time I spoke to Tom, he **was getting** / **would get** married. I don't know if he did or not!
- 6 I just knew that Emma **was arguing** / **would argue** with everybody. That's why I didn't want to invite her.
- 7 We couldn't stop to talk because we **were catching** / **would catch** a plane in an hour.
- 8 As soon as somebody lent Adrian money, he **was spending** / **would spend** it on things he didn't need.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct future in the past form of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 I could see that he had a gun, but I really didn't think he (shoot).
- 2 I knew you (do) badly on the exam. You didn't spend any time studying!
- 3 I lost my passport the day before we (fly) to Hawaii for our vacation.
- 4 Sorry I didn't let you know about the party. I (send) you a message, but I forgot.
- 5 Sue promised she (explain) the situation to her classmates, but failed to do so.
- 6 Henry (visit) his grandparents, but he couldn't go because he was sick.
- 7 That night I was very excited. I was sure I (win) the game. What I didn't know was that my opponent had been practicing for months.
- 8 My dad (buy) the car, but in the end, he decided it was too expensive.

- 3 Complete the sentences with the correct future in the past form of the verbs below. Make the verbs negative if necessary.

help	become	eat	feel	meet	play	rain	write
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- At an early age, I decided I a doctor when I grew up.
- Julie promised she me clean up afterwards. I was disappointed when she didn't.
- Amy suggested that as we lunch at 2 p.m., it would be better to plan the meeting for later.
- We were going to have a picnic, so we hoped it or get cold.
- We left school early that afternoon because we soccer in the park.
- I an email to my aunt that morning, but I didn't have time.
- I decided to tell Gloria the truth. I knew I really bad if I didn't.
- We Jonathon and Cathy at the bus stop at 7:00. That was the arrangement, but I was late! I raced down the stairs and out into the street with no time for breakfast!

Future tenses with *will*

- 4 Complete the sentences with the future continuous or future perfect form of the verbs in parentheses.

- This time tomorrow, Andrea (sunbathe) on a beach in Majorca.
- Wake me up at nine o'clock. I (sleep) long enough by then.
- I am happy to walk with you to the bus stop tomorrow morning. It is near my school, so I (go) that way anyway.
- By the time we get to Dubai, we (fly) half way around the world.
- Don't phone me between 7:00 and 8:00. We (have) dinner then.
- I am playing tennis at three o'clock tomorrow, so at quarter past, I (run) around on the tennis court.
- I will call you at eight o'clock. I (finish) my homework by then, and I will be free.
- Stop buying things! It is only the second day of vacation. If you continue like this, you (spend) all your money before the weekend.

- 5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses. Use the future simple active or passive, future continuous, future perfect simple, or future perfect continuous.



Who Will Be Ringing the Bell in the Stock Exchange?

At this time tomorrow, all eyes ¹ (be) on the Stock Exchange in New York. Why? Well, people ² (not watch) to see if the value of shares is about to fall. Shares have been stable for weeks, and experts don't think they ³ (go) down significantly by the start of trading tomorrow. Instead, speculators and financial experts ⁴ (crowd) onto the floor of the Stock Exchange at 9:30 exactly to watch Hollywood superstar Leonardo DiCaprio ring the bell that signals the start of trading. While well-known people often ring the bell, it is not every day that someone quite as famous as Leonardo is given the honor. After performing this important role, it is expected that the movie star ⁵ (show) around the floor of the Stock Exchange. During this short tour, Leonardo ⁶ (meet) a number of important financiers, including Ross Shaw, a veteran of trading in New York. By this time tomorrow, Shaw ⁷ (work) on the Stock Exchange for exactly 50 years. He has no intention of retiring yet. "By the time I do retire," says Ross, "I hope I ⁸ (live) long enough to break every record for longevity there is!"

- 6 Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

- 1 At exactly this time tomorrow, I
- 2 By the end of the week, my family
- 3 Before the bell goes for recess, I
- 4 At midnight tonight, my friends
- 5 By the end of the season, my favorite sports team
- 6 Ten minutes from now, my English teacher