

Tense Forms

16 Put the verbs in brackets into the appropriate past forms.



- 1 Alexander the Great (be/born) in 356 BC in Macedonia. He (become) King when he was 20 and (continue) the work that his father (begin). In 334 BC he (invade) Persia and by his thirtieth birthday he (conquer) most of south-west Asia. However, while he (plan) the invasion of Arabia he (develop) a fever and (die).
- 2 Last month Albert and I (go) on a skiing trip to Scotland. We (save up) for months and so we (be) very excited when the time (come) to leave. We (pack) our bags, (get) in the car and (set off). We (drive) for six hours when Albert suddenly (remember) something - we (forget) to pack the skis!
- 3 George Grimes (wake up) feeling very odd. All through the night he (dream) about strange creatures which (try) to break in through his window. They (have) horns and big green eyes and they (seem) to be threatening him. "Oh well," he (think), "at least they aren't real." Just at that moment, however, a big scaly hand (come) crashing through the window!
- 4 When Bob (invite) me to go fishing with him I (be) excited because I (never/be) fishing before. But as we (drive) to the river we (see) the first black clouds and ten minutes later it (rain) heavily. Three hours later, soaking wet, we (still/look for) somewhere to get warm and dry.
- 5 "..... (you/enjoy) your holiday?" "No, it (be) a disaster! As I (get on) the plane, I found I (leave) my holiday money at home! I (save) for months to get that money. My father (send) me a cheque, but it (take) five days to reach me."
- 6 Alan (work) in the same office for ten years before he (apply) for another post with Mask Ltd. He (wait) for an answer for weeks when he (be/asked) to attend an interview with the Personnel Manager. He (go) there dressed in an expensive suit which he (buy) the day before, only to find that they (want) someone to work as a cleaner.

Identify the tenses, then match them with the correct description.