UNIT
10 Grammar The future in the past

A Complete the conversation with the correct forms of the future in the past.

A: How was your trip, Sandie?

B: Well, you won't believe what happened … one thing after another! So, we were waiting for the taxi to arrive, which [1]_____ to take us to the airport, when the taxi company rang to say they [2]_____ with us thirty minutes late due to traffic. I was furious, but I couldn't do anything!

A: It's just one of those things, you're right. Then what happened?

B: Well, you know me, the delay got my mind racing, thinking that after the trip starting like this, everything [3]_____ go wrong. We'd been planning and saving for this trip for well over a year after all, so I wanted everything to go smoothly.

A: Of course. Was it South Africa you [4]_____, to see your daughter?

B: Yes! Well remembered. Anyway … we [5]_____ arrive at the airport three hours before our flight so that we could check in our bags and go through security. We [6]_____ there until nine and luckily the roads were clear on the way, so the taxi actually got us to the airport a bit early.

A: I bet you didn't think that [7]_____ happen!

B: When we went in the terminal, we looked at the screens and saw the flight [8]_____ take off on time – great. Then, we went to the check-in desk. Here's where things went *completely* wrong. As we [9]_____ put our suitcases on the scales to be weighed, I looked at the check-in assistant. She had a strange look on her face. I asked her what was wrong, and she told me that our flight was yesterday.

A: What do you mean?

B: Well, I told her there was [10]_____ a mistake. Our tickets clearly said our flight was Saturday August 15th. She agreed and said the flight was Saturday August 15th, but that we [11]_____ have read the time of the flight wrong. The flight time was 00:25, meaning we [12]_____ need to get to the airport on the 14th of August, rather than today – the 15th.

A: Oh no! So, because the flight was just after midnight, that meant you [13]_____ at the airport that day, but the day before!

B: Exactly. So, turns out we'd missed that flight and we had to book on the next flight to South Africa!

A: I'm so sorry. What a disaster!

B: Yes, but it's OK. As I said, I felt that something [14]_____ go wrong from the minute the taxi was late. I just didn't consider *how* wrong it might go!

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