



Choosing the right tense

Sam enjoys reading a magazine that contains a pen-pal section. She's seen a letter from Angie that she'd like to reply to but has trouble putting some of the verbs into the right tense. **Have a go at identifying the correct tenses in her letter:**

Dear Angie,

Hello! My name is Sam. I **saw / see / will see** your letter asking for a pen pal in this month's Cross-Stitch magazine. As soon as I **finished / finish / will finish** reading your letter I **decided / decide / will decide** to reply.

I **lived / live / will live** in Rotherham with my partner Ian and our two children Heather and James. I **worked / work / will work** part-time at a local supermarket. I also **made / make / will make** cross-stitch pictures for other people. I **sold / sell / will sell** some of the things at local craft fairs.

I never **liked / like / will like** sewing when I was at school. I **changed / change / will change** my mind when I **was / am / will be** in a car crash. I **stayed / stay / will stay** in hospital for several weeks. My mum **bought / buy / will buy** me a cross-stitch kit. She said it would help to pass the time.

I began making cards for friends, then I **stitched / stitch / will stitch** a picture for each of my children and I **made / make / will make** a sampler as a wedding present. People **started / start / will start** asking me to do kits that they had been given. It's great. I'm paid for doing something that I enjoy.

One day I **stopped / stop / will stop** working at the supermarket and set up my own business designing and completing cross-stitch patterns. I will have to improve my writing and my maths first. So I **hoped / hope / will hope** that you **replied / reply / will reply** because I need the practice and it **was / is / will be** great to be able to write to someone who likes sewing as much as I do.

Best wishes,

Sam.