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In the early 19th century an amazing thing happened in America. Nearly half a million people left their homes and headed West along what was called 'the Oregon Trail', a path across the country to California and Oregon. The men and women (A1) ... from poverty and hardship in the East. How did they find out about the opportunities that existed in the West? It seems that travellers who (A2) ... there on trading expeditions brought back stories of warmer winters and of good farming land that was being given away by the government. Then, in 1849, news (A3) ... that men (A4) ... gold in California. In the early 1850s, people (A5) ... to reach the West. On the journey, they met many dangers. Many settlers didn't reach the West alive. But change (A6) ... to the American West. By 1870, a new railway (A7) ... and the Oregon Trail had become a part of history.

- A1.  
 1) were escaped      2) had been escaped      3) were escaping      4) have escaped
- A2.  
 1) had been      2) have been      3) were being      4) are
- A3.  
 1) comes      2) came      3) had come      4) were come
- A4.  
 1) were just discovered      2) have just discovered      3) had just discovered      4) just discovered
- A5.  
 1) had been rushed      2) had rushed      3) have rushed      4) were rushing
- A6.  
 1) was coming      2) was come      3) come      4) had been come
- A7.  
 1) had completed      2) was completing      3) had been completed      4) completed

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Walt Disney (A1) ... a number of jobs before he (A2) ... the film industry. His first job in 1917 was on the railroad. Because he claimed to be sixteen they took him on, although in reality he was a year younger. He (A3) ... the company's standard uniform with gold buttons and told that his job was to collect baskets full of fruit, peanuts, chocolate bars and soft drinks from Kansas City station and try to sell as much as possible on the trains. The first trip he made was to end in disaster. Half-way through an eight-hour journey to Jefferson City he (A4) ... plenty of drink and had left all the empty bottles in an end carriage. But when he (A5) ... for them, he discovered that the carriage (A6) ... . The conductor explained the situation to him. "It (A7) ... . They usually do it at a station along the route." This was an unfortunate start for Walt!

- A1.  
 1) had done      2) has done      3) was doing      4) had been done
- A2.  
 1) had been entering      2) was entered      3) has entered      4) entered
- A3.  
 1) had given      2) has been given      3) was given      4) gave
- A4.  
 1) already sells      2) had already sold      3) has already sold      4) was already sold
- A5.  
 1) returned      2) had been returned      3) had been returning      4) has returned
- A6.  
 1) has been gone      2) had gone      3) went      4) was going
- A7.  
 1) had been detached      2) has been detached      3) was being detached      4) is detaching