

## ALL TENSES (active voice)

Fill in the gaps, using the correct form of the verb



Alexander is 15 years old and he lives in a small seaside town with his parents and his little sister. Alex (1) ..... **(be)** an open-minded and friendly boy and he (2) ..... **(not quarrel)** a lot with his sister – well, they (3) ..... **(sometimes argue)** about minor incidents but so far there (4) ..... **(never be)** any major fights among the siblings. One of Alex's hobbies (5) ..... **(be)** mountain biking and he (6) ..... **(have)** a new bike for a couple of weeks. Every second weekend there (7) ..... **(be)** races or other competitions and although Alex (8) ..... **(not take)** part in them regularly, he (9) ..... **(try)** to go there whenever he is allowed to. So far Alex (10) ..... **(win)** two downhill races, he (11) ..... **(have)** a number of accidents, but he (12) ..... **(not hurt)** himself seriously. Alex has another hobby as well: writing poems. Since this is a rather unusual hobby for a boy, Alex (13) ..... **(never tell)** anybody about it. Whenever he (14) ..... **(want)** to be on his own to write some more poems or just to think, he (15) ..... **(go)** to his secret place in the woods. Five or six years ago he (16) ..... **(find)** this perfect, huge tree while he (17) ..... **(walk)** offroad through the undergrowth. After he (18) ..... **(discover)** this perfect secret spot, Alex (19) ..... **(bring)** some planks and (20) ..... **(build)** a kind of platform. Later – after he (21) ..... **(save)** some money – he (22) ..... **(buy)** a rope ladder because he (23) ..... **(think)** it would be an easier way to climb the tree. At the moment Alex (24) ..... **(sit)** on the platform of his secret tree, (25) ..... **(eat)** an apple and (26) ..... **(read)** an announcement in a magazine. The ad (27) ..... **(say)**, “(28) ..... **(you be)** interested in poetry? (29) ..... **(you already write)** your own poetry or (30) ..... **(you know)** someone who has? Then (31) ..... **(not hesitate)**! Send in your poems! The best three poems (32) ..... **(win)** a prize!” Alex is already sure that he (33) ..... **(send)** in at least one poem although he (34) ..... **(not yet decide)** which one.