

Choose the correct alternative **A-O** and write the (bracketed verbs) **1-55** in the past simple, past continuous, or past perfect tenses.

Dear Aziz,

How are you doing? I hope my letter **A** \_\_\_\_\_ you in the best of your health and spirits. I am writing this letter to tell you about an exciting adventure that I have **B** \_\_\_\_\_ had.

Last week, my family and I **1(go)** \_\_\_\_\_ on holiday in the south of Tunisia **C** \_\_\_\_\_ the heart of the Sahara Desert. We **2(choose)** \_\_\_\_\_ to go there because we **3(want)** \_\_\_\_\_ to have a unique experience away from the hustle and bustle of city life. We **4(look)** \_\_\_\_\_ forward to **D** \_\_\_\_\_ the spectacular sunset over endless sand dunes and connecting with **E** \_\_\_\_\_.

When we **5(reach)** \_\_\_\_\_ the hotel, we **6(already/be)** \_\_\_\_\_ tired, so we **7(enjoy)** \_\_\_\_\_ a quick shower and **8(sleep)** \_\_\_\_\_ immediately. The following day, we **9(wake)** \_\_\_\_\_ up early and **10(be)** \_\_\_\_\_ ready to go on a tour with a local guide called Yousif. We **11(wear)** \_\_\_\_\_ Bedouin clothes and we **12(drive)** \_\_\_\_\_ in a Jeep. The vehicle **13(stop)** \_\_\_\_\_ at a small tent in the middle of **F** \_\_\_\_\_ and there **14(be)** \_\_\_\_\_ no network to keep our mobile phones useful. Yousif **15(check)** \_\_\_\_\_ that there **16(be/not)** \_\_\_\_\_ any scorpions or snakes around, **17(make)** \_\_\_\_\_ fire and **18(start)** \_\_\_\_\_ preparing a typical Bedouin lunch for us. My parents **19(decide)** \_\_\_\_\_ to stay there to take photos and to learn how to cook in the **G** \_\_\_\_\_. Of course my younger brother and I **20(ask)** \_\_\_\_\_ for permission to discover what **21(be)** \_\_\_\_\_ behind the mysterious sand dunes. We **22(have)** \_\_\_\_\_ a race, but it **23(turn)** \_\_\_\_\_ out that it **24(be/not)** \_\_\_\_\_ easy to keep our feet from sinking into the sand. After much effort, we **25(can)** \_\_\_\_\_ see a small mountain in the **H** \_\_\_\_\_. We **26(feel)** \_\_\_\_\_ so excited that we **27(forget)** \_\_\_\_\_ about our tiredness and **28(race)** \_\_\_\_\_ again to reach there. We **29(step)** \_\_\_\_\_ on

pebbly ground when we suddenly <sup>30(see)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a strange stone and when I <sup>31(examine)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it, I <sup>32(find)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ out that it <sup>33(be)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ like a real tooth. We <sup>34(look)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ at each other in amazement and <sup>35(think)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of searching for more fossilized teeth. While we <sup>36(collect)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ more and more sharp stones like that <sup>I</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, we <sup>37(freeze)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ again in excitement because this time we <sup>38(notice)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the top of a bone-shaped rock. I <sup>39(dig)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the hard ground while my brother <sup>40(remove)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the resulting sand. <sup>J</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, we <sup>41(come)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ across more similar fossilized bones and after half an hour of hard work under the <sup>K</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ sun, we <sup>42(jump)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in ecstasy because we <sup>43(discover)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the skeleton of a huge crocodile. We <sup>44(cannot)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ believe that crocodiles <sup>45(ever/live)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in what <sup>46(be)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ now a desert.

We <sup>47(go)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ back to the tent and <sup>48(inform)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ our parents about our discovery. Yousif <sup>49(drive)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ us to the site and <sup>50(say)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ he <sup>51(never/see)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ anything similar to that before. Needless to say, mum and dad <sup>52(take)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of photos. The next day, <sup>L</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>53(flock)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to the site and I <sup>54(interview)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ by several <sup>M</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. I even <sup>55(appear)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in the local news.

In your next letter, please tell me if you have had an <sup>N</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ adventure yourself. Pay my <sup>O</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to all at home.

Love,  
Nizar

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