

PRACTICE

9 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Chris Gardner is a successful businessman and a millionaire. But things ¹ _____ always _____ (not be) easy. He ² _____ (not meet) his father until he was twenty-eight years old. This experience made him sure about one thing: he ³ _____ always _____ (want) to be a good father to his own children. As a young man, Gardner ⁴ _____ (experience) hard times. His wife ⁵ _____ (leave) him, he ⁶ _____ (lose) his job, and at one stage he and his two-year-old son ⁷ _____ (sleep) in train stations and airports. He ⁸ _____ (come) a long way since then. His life changed when he ⁹ _____ (meet) a man driving a red Ferrari and asked him what job he did. The man was a stockbroker, so Gardner ¹⁰ _____ (ask) him out to lunch, and the Ferrari driver introduced Gardner to the world of finance. Since he ¹¹ _____ (become) successful, he ¹² _____ (spend) a lot of money helping homeless people, and he ¹³ _____ also _____ (write) books about his experiences. His story was told in the film *The Pursuit of Happyness*, starring Will Smith.