

PAST AND PRESENT TENSES 02

PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS INTO THE CORRECT TENSE

1.

When Francis Lee was a boy he 1) (want) to be an astronaut. He 2)(watch) TV one day in 1969 when he 3) (see) Neil Armstrong walk on the moon. Since then he 4) (always/dream) of doing the same. Every night when there is a full moon, he 5)..... (stare) up at it for hours and 6) (imagine) himself walking around on it. At the moment, however, he 7)(work) as a night-watchman at a meat factory. He 8) (do) the same job since he left school fifteen years ago, but he still hopes that one day his dream 9) (come) true. He 10) (hear) that in the 21st century they 11) (sell) tickets to fly to the moon. For this reason he 12)(save) half of his wages every month for the past two years.

2.

Sue Thomas is a fashion designer. She 1) ... has been making.... (make) clothes ever since she 2)(be) a young girl. She 3) (get) her first job in a clothes factory when she was sixteen. She 4) (sew) buttons onto a shirt one day when she 5)..... (have) a brilliant idea for a design. After she 6) (speak) to her bank manager, she got a loan and she 7)(open) her own little workshop. Now she 8) (make) lots of money. Next year she 9) (open) a shop which will sell all her own designs. She 10) (sell) clothes to a lot of famous people, including film stars and singers, and she 11) (think) she will be very rich soon.

3.

Kevin Adams 1).....(love) trains. He first 2).....(see) one when he was four years old and he 3)(think) it was great. He 4).....(go) to a different railway station every week and 5).....(write down) the engine number of every train he sees. He 6).....(do) this since he was eight. By the time he was fifteen he 7).....(collect) over 10.000 different engine numbers in various counties. Once, while he 8).....(stand) in a station in Cheshire he saw something very unusual. He 9).....(wait) for over an hour for a train to go by when suddenly he 10).....(see) a very old steam train coming down the track. It 11).....(not/stop) at the station and, as it was passing, Kevin noticed that all the passengers 12).....(wear) old-fashioned clothes. When he told the station guard about this, the poor man turned pale. He said that no steam train 13).....(pass) through that station for years, and that the last one 14).....(crash), killing everyone on board.

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One afternoon, while I 1) (walk) in town, I 2) (see) a poster for a liquor promotion at a club I 3) (used to, go) to. They 4) (advertise) a "vodka disco". Later that week, my friend and I 5) (decide) to go to this club to find out what 6) (go on). It was a "drink-as-much-vodka-as-you-can" evening, with music and prizes for the best dancers. After we 7) (enter) the club, a man 8) (give) each of us a T-shirt and a badge in the shape of a vodka bottle. To my surprise, all the drinks 9) (be) free. We 10) (not drink) very much at all – one vodka each – but other young people 11) (drink) heavily all evening. Some of the dancers 12) (look) quite drunk. We all know that companies 13) (try) to sell us their products and they 14) (use) almost any means possible to encourage us to spend our money. 15) (this, mean) they can convince us to buy anything? Even things that are bad for us? Think about it! The last time you 16) (buy) an alcoholic drink, 17) (it, be) because you really wanted it, or because an ad persuaded you to do so?