

MIXED TENSES

2. Put each word in brackets into a suitable verb form.

Moving house

I come from a very large family, and recently my parents (1) *decided*.
(decide) that they (2).....(spend) long enough living in an
overcrowded house in Birmingham. 'We (3).....(move) to the
country', my father (4).....(announce) one evening. 'I
(5).....(sell) this house, and we (6).....(live) on
a farm.' So last week we (7).....(load) all our possessions into
two hired vans, and for the last few days we (8).....(try) to
organize ourselves in our new home. Yesterday, for example, my three brothers
and I (9).....(start) painting the downstairs rooms.
Unfortunately while I (10).....(mix) the paint, one of my sisters
(11).....(open) the door. Nobody (12).....(tell)
her that we (13).....(be) in the room, you see. So instead of
painting the walls, we (14).....(spend) all morning cleaning the
paint off the floor. But worse things (15).....(happen) since
then. This morning when I (16).....(wake up), water
(17).....(drip) through the ceiling next to my bed. We
(18).....(spend) today so far repairing the roof. It's not all bad
news, though. The school in the village nearby (19).....(close
down) two years ago, and my parents (20).....(not find)
another school for us yet.

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