



Exercise 1

RUNNING

My family (1) _____ (be) runners for a very long time. My Dad (2) _____ (run) the marathon twenty times before I tried my first half-marathon. He (3) _____ (already decide) that he wanted his children to run marathons before I was born. Luckily, I (4) _____ (adore) running. My Dad says I (5) _____ (learn) to run before I *spoke* my first words. I (6) _____ (not trust) that that is true, but it describes me well. I (7) _____ (won) races before I could (8) _____ (spell) 'races', and now I would rather run than do anything else. I (9) _____ (prepare) to write more, but now I feel like it's time to go jogging.

Exercise 2

POETRY

My older sister (1) _____ (dislike) poetry before the poetry competition happened at her school. She always said that she (2) _____ (read) enough poems and that they all bored her. But when she realised her friends (3) _____ (all submit) poems for the competition, she felt left out. That day, once she (4) _____ (finish) her homework, my sister wrote a poem. It took her hours. The sun (5) _____ (rise) before she was done.

When she came home from school after the competition, she told us how much she (6) _____ (enjoy) the poems. She said that she (7) _____ (not consider) how her friends thought before she heard their poems. She (8) _____ (already written) two more poems on the way home from school that day. Since then, she (9) _____ (not say) anything else bad about poetry. She even wants to be a poet.



Exercise 3

FUTURE

Sometimes I (1) _____ (question) whether my friends are from the past. Last week, they asked me to go to a movie, but I (2) _____ (already see) it. The next day they told me about the best new album, but I had (3) _____ (buy) it months before. Then they asked me for help with homework that I (4) _____ (hand) in the week before. Today they even (5) _____ (ride) horses to school! The teacher said people (6) _____ (not ride) horses to school for a hundred years before today!

Exercise 4

PHONE CALL

- Alex: This morning I received a phone call from someone I (1) _____ (not communicate) with for almost five years.
- Sadie: That's surprising. Who (2) _____ (call) you?
- Alex: It was my old next-door neighbour, but he acted like we (3) _____ (never know) each other.
- Sadie: Did you tell him? Or (4) _____ (forgot) him as well?
- Alex: I (5) _____ (not forget) him, but once he (6) _____ (start) talking, I couldn't say anything.
- Sadie: What was he talking about?
- Alex: I (7) _____ (not listen). I was just thinking about how I (8) _____ (lose) my Granddad's watch in his house before we moved away.
- Sadie: What if he (9) _____ (call) about that and you didn't listen?
- Alex: No, he was talking about watching a movie about next-door neighbours. I think he (10) _____ (go) crazy.
- Sadie: I think you (11) _____ (go) crazy.



Exercise 5

HAIRCUT

I (1) _____ (need) a haircut for months when the new hairdresser opened. My hair (2) _____ (grow) down to my waist, but I had (3) _____ (not find) anywhere else where I could have it shortened. When I booked my haircut, I (4) _____ (sign) up for a special offer, but I was not sure what it meant until I (5) _____ (arrive). When I sat down in my chair I noticed that someone (6) _____ (place) lots of different colours of hair dye in front of it. I (7) _____ (not explain) what I wanted when the hairdresser started cutting my hair. I didn't know what to do so I closed my eyes. When I looked again, my hair (8) _____ (transform) into a rainbow.

Exercise 6

CAMPING

I (1) _____ (pack) everything I needed for the camping trip when it started snowing. Where I live, it (2) _____ (never snow) in summer before. I (3) _____ (start) to put winter supplies in my bag. By the time I (4) _____ (finish), the sun (5) _____ (come) out and it (6) _____ (became) very hot. I (7) _____ (contact) the friend I was going camping with and asked what he (8) _____ (chose) to bring. As it was raining where he lived, he (9) _____ (decide) to bring lots of waterproof things. This made me look outside, where it (10) _____ (begin) to rain. 'Oh', said my friend, 'the sun (11) _____ (come) out!'. We (12) _____ (not go) camping.